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Thomas Callaghan, Director
Bureau of Mining Programs
Dept. of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 8461
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Dear Mr. Callaghan:

I am responding to a recent letter concerning the DEP'S fee increases for services and permits. Initially it would seem a fee increase may not affect our industry, but ultimately it may affect our industry and the entire state of PA.

Initially the aggregate industry will simply pass this increased cost of production on to our customers, the end user, just as we would all other increases; i.e. fuel, wages, utilities, insurances, parts, equipment. The big difference with these other expenses is we purchase them in a competitive marketplace so we have some control over cost. An increase in our industry's cost of production will probably affect every citizen because our products are not only used by individuals, but businesses and governmental entities, whether directly or indirectly. PennDot is probably our industry's largest customer.

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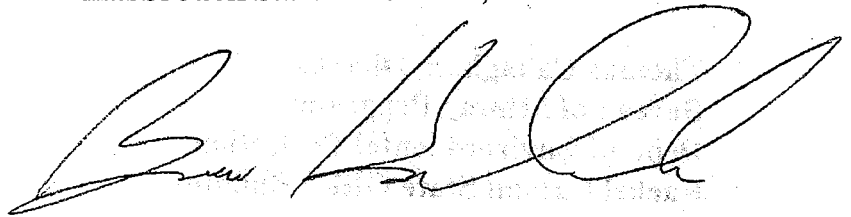
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Pennsylvania has a terrible business climate, and any increase in aggregate and related product prices will only serve to make more businesses expand in or locate in other states.

I would suggest our Commonwealth would be better served by scrutinizing your Department for cost cutting measures just as a businessman frequently does to maintain or reduce cost of production. Together let's make Pennsylvania grow, not increase the exodus of various businesses and jobs from our state.

Sincerely,

Hasbrouck Sand & Gravel, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce L. Hasbrouck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent loop at the end.

**Bruce L. Hasbrouck
Vice President**

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