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I write today in hopes that you will read this letter and understand that I am trying to save my job.

You see when you increase fees and continue to make more and more fees for the company I work for I become closer and closer to losing my job, my home, and everything else I have worked very hard for. I have worked for the same company for well over 15 years. Every day I come to work and I do my job. Every week I take a check to the local bank and deposit it so that I can pay my bills. When I pay my bills I am also helping others be able to keep the jobs they need. You see it is a cycle.

Every year I am thankful that my employer can open the doors to his company and I have a job, but every year that becomes harder and harder. When agencies like The DEP raise the rates that we have to pay in order to keep producing gravel it puts our jobs at risk. This latest rate hike is so drastic and so increased that I myself do not even know why we would choose to pay it and stay open. So I sit and I wait for the owner to make a decision.... To open or not to open.....

But I ask where does that leave me? How will I go home and tell my family that I no longer have a job. You see it is a lot more complicated than "well if this place closes I will just go somewhere else" I ask you where else would I go? You've imposed these fees on every gravel pit. How can any of these places continue to pay your fees and still keep employees? I cannot just go to another gravel pit and get a job no matter how experienced I am. There will be no more gravel pits to go to. The ones that can stay open aren't going to need everyone who is qualified so that will leave how many people without jobs?

Can you tell me why you are imposing these new fee requirements? What are the new fees going towards? Will you be setting aside money for my children/grandchildren's future? Are you going to put it into a retirement fund for myself? Will I have the money to continue to pay for the increase in health costs? Will I ever be able to take a cruise or be able to purchase a new vehicle?

You see I need a new vehicle, mine is worn out. I don't drive new but I do try to drive a decent reliable vehicle and mine is just not going to be able to keep being patched. I have to pay for the monthly payment as well as the insurance and up keep of it. I do not get a company vehicle as there isn't extra money for the company to

hand out vehicles. I also need health care. You see I have a physically demanding job on top of having a mentally challenging job. I am beginning to get older and my body just isn't going to stay intact forever. Eventually I am going to need a few tune ups here and there. The company I work for doesn't pay our health insurance. Actually, the company I work for cannot afford to pay our health insurance along with all the federal governments requirements that we have for safety and all of the taxes we pay etc.

So again I ask what good are these new fees doing for us? When my boss has to close the company doors because he cannot afford to keep his company going and yours what then?

The bottom line is you still get to keep your job, your company vehicle, your health insurance, your retirement funds etc. Me and all of my co- workers we end up with nothing. All because you want to keep your job with all of its luxuries and have a safe and secure future. Do you realize what the cost of that is? The true cost is that you take that all away from a lot of other families.

Sincerely, Ronald L Nunemaker Hatch Hollow Road Union City Pa 16438