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I have many concerns with the new proposed Non Coal Mining Fees. These values that are being projected are very unrealistic for many businesses to cope with in this terrible economic time. I think that the fees will also create many more problems than they will help. These new fees will have to be passed onto the consumer which in most cases will be the tax paying citizens of Pennsylvania for the repair of building and maintaining our roadways. The other thing in my opinion that will happen is you will decrease the total number of aggregate producers in our state because of your new costs. Many of them are barely surviving now and with any additional costs, it will be the the end for them. This will in turn decrease competition and let the larger companies who can afford to pay your new rates, to charge the state whatever they want. They will have a significantly less cost per ton than us smaller producers across the state. Who will stop them since they will have somewhat of a monopoly on selling the aggregate? This country was derived from small businesses, but with the mount of fees and government taxes on everything it keeps getting harder and harder to stay in business. I don't understand how anyone can afford to pay your projected prices and keep doing business as usual. Many of our projects are awarded within a few pennies of each other. Charging these new rates potential could make small companies like me lose out on many projects because my cost per ton will be significantly more than someone who produces a large quantity of material. Please help us all and get rid of this proposal.

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