

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Bill Morris, President
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Dear President Morris:

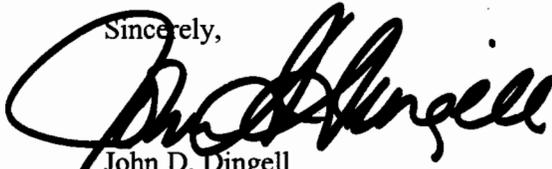
We write to you regarding the proposed intermodal facility to be located in Erie Township, Michigan. This proposed development has caused serious concern for the residents of Erie Township and the one public meeting that has been held appears to have done little to answer their questions. Therefore, we kindly ask that you answer the following questions with regard to the proposed facility in Erie Township.

1. From press reports, it appears that many Monroe County residents know very little about the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation (IDC). Could you please explain the role of the Monroe County IDC and how it facilitates economic development in Monroe County? Since it is a corporation, what is the governing structure of the IDC?
2. Has U.S. Rail Corporation (hereinafter "the Corporation") given details to the IDC how it will use the power of eminent domain? Will this be under state or federal authority? Please cite the specific statute or regulation.
3. It has been reported that the proposed facility would encompass the area stretching from Erie Road in the south to Cousino Road in the north with I-75 and Canadian National's railroad tracks as the eastern and western boundaries respectively. Are these the proposed boundaries? How likely is it that these boundaries could change?
4. What has to be done with regards to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)? Has a NEPA review been conducted? If so, when will it be? What is the timeline for such a process?
5. Will any federal permits be needed to be obtained by the Corporation? If so, which permits will be required? Have any been acquired up to this point?
6. Will any state permits be needed to be obtained by the Corporation? If so, which permits will be required? Have any been acquired up to this point?
7. Will any local permits be required to be obtained by the Corporation? If so, what types of permits will be needed? Have any been acquired up to this point?
8. At what points in the process will the public be able to formally give its input to this proposed project?
9. Speculation has been rampant as to how many jobs this proposed facility would create. Please give an estimate of the proposed jobs and wages that would be available should this project go forward.

10. Should all approvals be granted from the necessary federal, state, and local agencies, when is the targeted opening for the proposed facility?

It is important that the citizens of Erie Township have the opportunity to express their concerns regarding this project and that their concerns are taken into account as to the proposed project. It is equally important that as the process moves forward it is fair, open and transparent so that all who are interested are able to have their views and concerns considered. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
Member of Congress



Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator



Carl Levin
United States Senator



Kathy Angerer
Michigan State Representative