



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

February 7, 2000

Honorable Guy A. Travaglio, Member  
PA House of Representatives  
4 East Wing, Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Dear Mr. Travaglio:

In case you were not aware, Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. from your district applied for funding under the second funding round of the 1999 Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP).

On behalf of the Ridge Administration, I am pleased to inform you that Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. was selected to receive funding in the amount of \$225,000.00 under the second funding round of the 1999 program. Approximately \$2.4 million was available for RFAP grants under the second round of this year's program and we were able to fund 23 of the 45 applications that competed for the grant funding. We have notified Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. of their grant award.

Information provided by the applicant reflects that this rail freight project will support economic growth as well as help reduce congestion on our crowded highways. As a result of this project being completed, it is anticipated that over the next three years, highway congestion will be reduced by approximately 78,800 truck trips per year in your district. This project will help the Commonwealth improve its overall transportation system, always with a focus on meeting the shippers and receivers "just in time" transportation requirements.

We appreciate the role you play in providing for a more efficient transportation system and the contribution you make toward economic growth in the Commonwealth. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or John E. Brown, Director, Bureau of Rail Freight, Ports and Waterways at (717) 783-8567.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sarge Voras  
Deputy Secretary for Aviation  
and Rail Freight

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