

Scranton School District

425 North Washington Avenue
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Via First-Class & Electronic Mail to rbellas@pa.gov

Mr. Roger Bellas
Waste Management Program Manager
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Northeast Regional Office
2 Public Square
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Re: Keystone Sanitary Landfill
Phase III Site Development Application

Dear Mr. Bellas:

The Scranton School District Board of Directors writes to express its opposition to the expansion application of the Keystone Sanitary Landfill ("KSL"), which is currently under review by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP").

It is this Board's belief that granting of this application will have a detrimental impact for years and decades to come by allowing out-of-state trash to be brought in to desecrate our region's landscape and environment.

Our constituents very closely border KSL and will suffer the environmental hazards associated with such landfills. Additionally, leachate seeps and runs into sewer lines which travel through our borders and into wastewater treatment facilities in the South Side section of our district. This toxic-laden dump affects us all in a very serious and negative way.

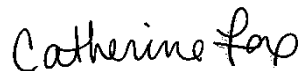
This toxicity being foisted upon our residents is intolerable and untenable. This Board seeks your assistance and asks for your compliance with all legal rights that our citizens have to guaranteeing clean air and pure water in the preservation of this communities' natural environment. Most importantly, consider the implications to our young students. It is they who will bear the consequences of the decisions we make today. Consequently, we urge you to deny the expansion application sought by KSL and to afford this community and all surrounding communities the constitutional rights that they have to live here unfettered by a private industries' toxic waste.

This board appreciates your time and consideration in this matter and would be happy to provide further rationale for our position if necessary.

Sincerely,



Katie Gilmartin
School Board President



Catherine Fox
School Board Vice-President



Sarah Cruz
Director



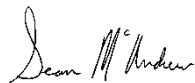
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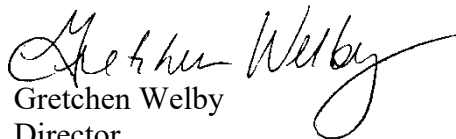
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