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The Honorable Chris Ross  
State Representative  
110 Ryan Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Ross:

On behalf of the Keystone State Railroad Association (KSRRA), I wanted to take this opportunity to express our organization's support of Senate Bill 1077, sponsored by Senator Dave Argall.

As you may be aware, KSRRA is comprised of all major freight rail carriers, short line railroads, non-operating railroad owners, and associated support industries that operate or do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. One of our association's priorities has been to raise public awareness about the severe problem our industry faces with scrap material theft and trespassing. While scrap material theft has been a major problem for railroads for some time, the recent expansion of rail lines that has occurred to meet the demands of the burgeoning Marcellus Shale industry has only exacerbated the problem. In fact, theft of rail material being used for construction of new rail lines is growing throughout the northern tier of Pennsylvania and railroad owners are without necessary laws to discourage theft of rail material.

If enacted, Senate Bill 1077 would make Pennsylvania a national leader in the prevention of railroad scrap material across the Commonwealth and would go a long way towards addressing this economic and public safety problem. Senator Argall's proposal would change state law to allow only commercial entities, not individuals, to sell railroad materials to scrap yards and recycling facilities. Additionally, railroad materials would be treated the same as other items included in the state's 2008 Scrap Material Theft Prevention Act. As a result of the legislation, railroad owners and their contractors would be able to establish a commercial account at scrap yards and recycling facilities of their choosing to ensure a quick transaction for future transactions.

Thank you again for your kind attention to this issue. As Chairman of the House Commerce Committee, we hope you will give this bill thoughtful consideration as you plan your upcoming agenda. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact our Executive Director, Josh Wilson, at 717-234-5424 or me.

Very truly yours,

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