

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Kirk E. Steudle, P.E., Director
Michigan Department of Transportation
State Transportation Building
425 W. Ottawa St.
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Dear Director Steudle:

A proposed intermodal rail facility is currently being considered in Erie Township, Michigan which is located in our district. 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 question to help enlighten ourselves and our constituents as to the process of finalizing a project such as the one proposed.

1. Will any permits be needed to be obtained by a rail corporation from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to build an intermodal facility? If so, what permits will be required?

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. MDOT's explanation of its role, if any, in the regulatory process will go a long way to help our constituents better understand this issue. 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