



July 24, 2020

The Honorable Russell C. Redding  
Secretary of the Department of Agriculture  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Re: Application for ALCAB Hearing

Dear Secretary Redding:

Please accept this as notice and application from the Department of Transportation to convene—consistent with the Governor’s Executive Order dated July 10, 2020 regarding the conduct of Administrative proceedings pursuant to COVID-19 protocol—the Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board (ALCAB) for the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation (CSVt) highway project, Southern Section, S.R. 0015, Section 088, Monroe Township and Shamokin Dam Borough, Snyder County, Pennsylvania. This request is in accordance with the provisions of Act 100, the Administrative Code of 1929, as amended, and Act 43, the Administrative Code of 1981, as amended. Five (5) copies of the Farmland Assessment Report (FAR) and one electronic media device of the same will be provided in a separate transmittal for the Department of Agriculture’s use. Additional copies will also be provided for the Department of Agriculture to transmit to the ALCAB (one for each member and one for the hearing examiner) and to each landowner and farm operator impacted by the project. The names and addresses of the owners/operators are enclosed for your use in notifying them of the hearing and distribution of the FAR.

We respectfully request the approval of ALCAB to convert by exercise of the power of condemnation, if necessary, productive agricultural lands to the transportation use for the project as proposed by the Department. Kindly advise Ryan R. Vankirk, P.E. at 717.705.1338 or by email at [rvankirk@pa.gov](mailto:rvankirk@pa.gov) of the time, date, and location of the ALCAB hearing so that we may attend and provide testimony in support of our application for approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yassmin Gramian".

Yassmin Gramian, P.E.  
Secretary of Transportation

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