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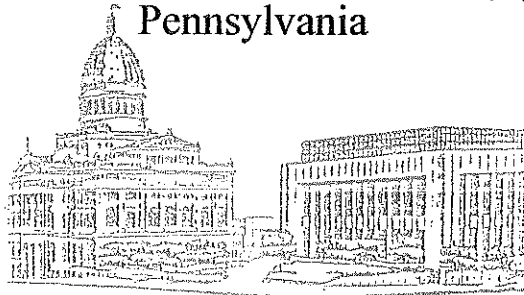
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August 8, 2019

Mr. Charles R. Novelli  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
WHEMCO  
5 Hot Metal Street #300  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Dear Mr. Novelli,

Collectively representing local, county and state levels of government and on behalf of Avonmore Borough, it is our hope dialogue can begin soon regarding the future of the former Akers National Roll facility. In a media release on May 10, 2019, Ampco-Pittsburgh announced the planned sale of its Avonmore, PA roll manufacturing facility to an affiliate of WHEMCO, Inc. It also states the purchase agreement has been executed, and the transaction is expected to close in the second half of 2019, following the cessation of roll finishing operations once remaining customer commitments are fulfilled. This announcement coupled with the required WARN Act Notices and the permanent layoff of over 100 local residents was extremely disappointing as the facility is the single largest employer and taxpayer in this small riverfront community and has been for decades.

That being said, the announcement does state the site is being purchased by an "affiliate of WHEMCO" but does not provide any information as to the buyer's intentions with the facility and impacted employees. Since the time of the announcement, there have been numerous attempts trying to contact individuals within WHEMCO including yourself but with no response. We understand the purchase agreement may include elements of confidentiality and we recognize the importance of compliance with those terms and conditions. Therefore, we would be willing to execute a Non-Disclosure Agreement to protect the privacy and confidentiality of the deal. If WHEMCO intends to eventually restart production, we'd like to support and partner with you to achieve that goal but need your direction. If WHEMCO's does not intend restart the plant, this would be unfortunate but at least we could start planning for the future.

We trust you recognize the significance of this facility to Avonmore and Westmoreland County, as well as Armstrong and Indiana counties as they also are impacted economically by the growth or decline of the site. As stated at the beginning of the letter, we welcome the opportunity to open dialogue with you to better understand the future of the site. As a business leader in charge and responsible for so many, I am sure you could appreciate the importance of informed decision making. As community leaders, we feel the same.

Please let us know how we can start the conversation. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or need a single point of contact, please contact Jason Rigone, Executive Director for the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation. His business card is attached.

Sincerely,



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Joe Pittman, State Senator- 41<sup>st</sup> District



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Joseph Petrarca, State Representative-55<sup>th</sup> District



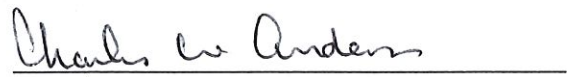
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Gina Cerilli, Chairman  
Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners



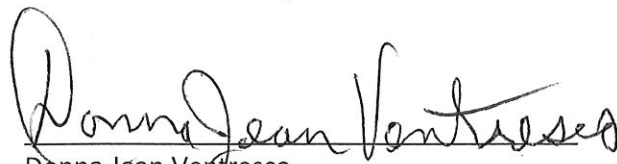
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Donna Jean Ventresca,  
Avonmore Borough Council President

CC: Rose Hoover, President/CAO  
Ampco-Pittsburgh Corp.