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June 25, 2004

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW, Room 711
Washington, DC 20423



Re: Norfolk Southern Abandonment in Anderson and Woodford Counties,
Kentucky, STB Docket Number AB-290 sub 192x

Dear Mr. Williams,

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) fully supports the goal of the Tyrone Bridge and Rail Company (TBRC), a nonprofit corporation based in Woodford County, to acquire the 2.8-mile Norfolk Southern line between Lawrenceburg and Tyrone in Anderson and Woodford Counties. RTC filed for, and was granted, a Notice of Interim Trails Use (NITU) for this right-of-way on February 7, 2001 with TBRC substituted on the NITU as of May 28, 2004.

RTC recognizes the value of preserving this line, particularly the spectacular Young's High Bridge, which was built by the Union Bridge Company of New York and is 1,659 feet in length, 283 feet above the low water mark and has a 551 feet long cantilever span. RTC understands that progress has been made in the negotiations for this line between the state of Kentucky, TBRC and Norfolk Southern, and strongly encourages the board to grant TBRC a 180 day extension of the NITU, which is set to expire on July 2, 2004.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Ciabotti
Vice President of Trail Development

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