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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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**RE: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption
In Mecklenburg County, NC AB-290 (Sub.No. 247X)**

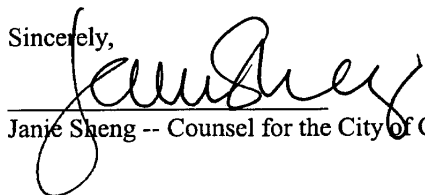
Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is filed on behalf of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as the "City"). On May 21, 2004, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") issued a notice of interim trail use ("NITU") with respect to a portion of the line of railroad subject to the above-referenced abandonment proceeding under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, authorizing City and Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") to negotiate an interim trail use agreement.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Board that City and NSR have entered into an arrangement to convert a portion of the line of railroad, between approximately milepost old R-3.00 and approximately milepost old R-3.80, into a rail-trail pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Janie Sheng -- Counsel for the City of Charlotte, North Carolina

cc: Mr. James R. Paschall – Norfolk Southern Railway Company (via facsimile)

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