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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mrs. Johnson-Ball,

My husband, nine-year-old daughter, and I took the City of New Orleans Amtrak train from Effingham, Illinois to New Orleans just last week.

My husband had a convention, and we decided that taking the train would be wonderful means in which to get to New Orleans. We were right.

It was an exciting adventure for our daughter, and an economical and relaxing way for us to travel. We have recommended the trip to many friends and family members already.

We have also boarded the train in Effingham to go to Chicago, as have several of my family members and friends.

Please do not shut down the City of New Orleans, Illini and Saluki trains that currently make their routes through Effingham, Illinois. It is a vital service that should not be discontinued. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jane Winters
8800 North 2250th Street
Dieterich, IL 62424

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