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Surface Transportation Board  
Mercury Building  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423



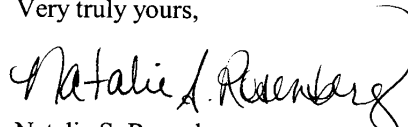
Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 638X)  
CSX Transportation, Inc. - Abandonment  
**Exemption in Knox County, Ohio**

Dear Mr. Williams:

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") is in receipt of the trail request filed by the Knox County Commissioners ("County") in the above captioned matter. This letter is intended to inform the Board that CSXT is willing to negotiate a trail use agreement with the County in accordance with the Board's standard procedures.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
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