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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In
Hudson and Essex Counties, New Jersey, AB-290 (Sub-No. 408X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

On July 29, 2020, Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation (“OSILT”) filed a letter with the Board requesting issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”) to allow OSILT to engage in trails use negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) for the approximately 8.6-mile-rail line proposed for abandonment, which extends from Milepost WD 2.9 in the City of Jersey City to Milepost WD 11.5 in the Township of Montclair, in Hudson and Essex Counties, New Jersey (the “Rail Line”).

NSR was served a copy of the OSILT’s request. NSR is hereby notifying the Board that consistent with the OSILT’s July 29th filing, NSR supports issuance of a NITU and is willing to engage in negotiations with OSILT toward a possible trails use arrangement for the Rail Line.

Sincerely,

/s/ **Crystal M. Zorbaugh**

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