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

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**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 401), CSXT Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment – Between Delphi and Frankfort, IN**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Indiana Landmarks respectfully submits this request to the Surface Transportation Board for a 180-day extension of the Certificate of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment associated with the above referenced proceeding.

Indiana Landmarks and CSX Transportation entered into a formal Purchase Sale Agreement on February 24, 2017. Sadly, the week before two young teenage girls were horrifically murdered near the historic railroad located on the subject property. This caused delays in our ability to commence with required predevelopment work within our initial projected schedule. Our expectation of closing well before the expiration of the previous extension proved unattainable but the failure to file a timely extension request was completely unintentional as we were working quickly at that time to schedule a closing.

In addition to the transfer of the corridor property including the historic railroad bridge, CSX has committed to a monetary contribution to help offset costs of repairing a damaged bridge pier. We've been working quickly and diligently to address several issues identified in the title commitment for the pending transfer but these issues do not affect our ability to close with CSX. The assurance of not only CSX's funding contribution but that of the overall trail project is dependent upon our ability to close by this Friday, December 15. We're appreciative of your agency's cooperation in this effort. With time being of the essence, ***we respectfully request an expedited review and approval*** that will ensure this closing deadline can be met.

Indiana Landmarks is committed to the successful conclusion of this multi-year effort. Since February, our effort has become more than the preservation of a unique landmark. It is now very much about the expansion of a safe and valued public trail system for the residents of and visitors to Carroll County, Indiana.

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The \$500 filing fee will be paid by credit card via phone following the e-filing submission of this extension request.

By my signature below, I certify service upon CSX Transportation c/o Mr. Louis Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, Maryland 21204-4022, by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid first class, this 12th day of December 2017.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tommy Kleckner".

Tommy Kleckner, Director
Western Regional Office

Cc: Louis Gitomer, CSX Transportation
David McCain, Deer Creek Township, Carroll County, IN
Bonnie Maxwell, Heartland Heritage, Inc.
Hon. Joe Donnelly, United States Senate