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Hon. Roger Nober
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1094)A, *Chelsea Property Owners—
Abandonment—Portion of the Consolidated Rail Corporation's West 30th Street
Secondary Track in New York, New York*

Dear Sir:

The City of New York, NY ("the City") and the Chelsea Property Owners ("CPO"), two of the parties to this proceeding, by undersigned counsel, are hereby requesting the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") to hold the proceedings in the above-referenced matter in abeyance for a period of ninety (90) days, and to refrain during that period from issuing a decision with respect to the various motions now pending. CPO and the City are having discussions that they anticipate will resolve the issues between them that are before the Board. At the end of the requested ninety-day period, CPO and the City will report to this Board on the status of their negotiations.

Counsel for Friends of the High Line ("FOHL"), CSX Transportation, Inc, and Consolidated Rail Corporation have authorized undersigned counsel to state that they do not oppose the request to hold the proceedings in abeyance for 90 days.

We are attaching two extra copies of this letter that we ask to have date stamped and returned to our messenger. In addition, we are providing Mr. Vernon A. Williams, the Board's Secretary, with a copy of this letter for inclusion in the docket of this proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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