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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423

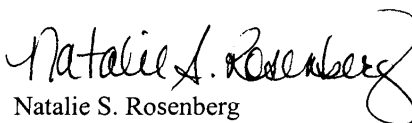
Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 635X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment in Gratiot County, Michigan

Dear Mr. Williams:

CSXT is in receipt of the request filed by Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail ("Meijer") for the issuance of a trail use condition. This letter is intended to inform the Board that CSXT is willing to negotiate with Meijer for a notice of interim trail use for the line. CSXT will proceed to contact Meijer to commence negotiations.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Very truly yours,


Natalie S. Rosenberg

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cc: Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail
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