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RE: Docket EP 753 – Petition for Rulemaking

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

Dear Ms. Brown,

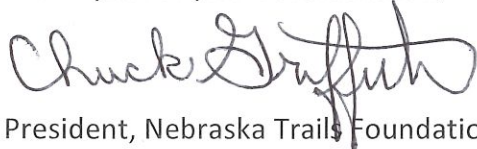
These comments, filed on behalf of the Nebraska Trails Foundation are in support of a petition by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) for the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to establish a one-year period for any initial interim trail use negotiating period and codify the STB's authority to grant extensions of the negotiating period for good cause shown.

The Nebraska Trails Foundation has been involved in railbanking hundreds of miles in Nebraska and any efforts to streamline the process would greatly enhance our goal of completing trails across Nebraska, especially the Great American Rail Trail planned to go through our state.

Trails will help our repressed rural communities and connect them to improve the quality of life for social and healthy living. More trails will have a positive economic impact for these communities.

A one year timeline would be a more practical initial negotiating period. Based on our direct experience with railbanking negotiations before the STB, we urge the Board to adopt RTC's proposed rule in Docket No. EP 753.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Druff", is written over the typed name.

President, Nebraska Trails Foundation