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Mr. Dave Navecky  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Room 1104  
Washington, DC 20423

**SUBJECT:** STB Docket No. FD 35523, CSX Transportation, Inc. – Joint Use – Louisville and Indiana Railroad Company, Inc.: Consultation on Scope of Supplemental Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Navecky:

Your correspondence to Governor Beshear was forwarded to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) for response regarding the above subject. We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment.

Of the key potential operational impact categories addressed in the Supplemental EA, KYTC has particular interest in grade-crossing safety, vehicle delay, and emergency response. Regarding these categories, KYTC supports the Proposed Transaction as it will result in up to an estimated 15 fewer trains per day operating on CSXT rail lines between Louisville and Cincinnati, an approximate 100-mile stretch of rail with more than 100 public highway-railroad at-grade crossings. The reduction in train traffic at public highway-railroad at-grade crossings will improve safety and emergency response time while also reducing vehicle delay. The Proposed Transaction's resulting shift in train traffic may yield the opposite response on a short segment of LIRC track within Louisville. This segment of LIRC includes three public highway-railroad at-grade crossings, each being on local city streets with very little vehicular traffic.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact Lynn Soporowski or Casey Wells, Division of Planning 502-564-7183.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Hancock, P.E.  
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