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OHIO COMMERCE CENTER

TO: Diana Wood
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 779X)
CSX's Newton Falls Subdivision

Dear Diana,

I represent the Ohio Commerce Center, a 500+/- acre rail industrial park in Lordstown, Ohio and LTEX Rail, a leading Lessor and supplier of Locomotives and parts in America. We have been in the rail services business for 20+ years and have an interest in restoring vibrant rail service to the area. Our office only recently learned that CSX was requesting to abandon this 14 mile line.

We respectfully request to have our opposition to the abandonment filing Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 779X) added to the record and to be listed as an interested party to this case. We also intend to file an Offer of Financial Assistance (OFA) request in this matter. We would have done so sooner but learned of this proposed abandonment only a few days ago. We are interested in this CSX right of way for business use and to support regional economic development efforts. Please advise us of anything further that might need in order to acquire CSX's Newton Falls Subdivision in its entirety.

Please contact me as soon as possible via email or phone regarding this matter.

Sincerely



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