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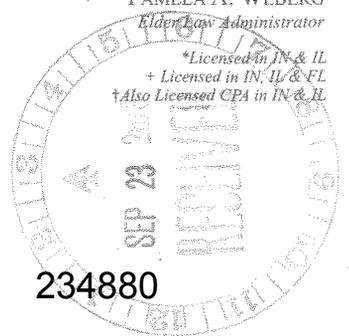
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**Re: STB AB 290 (Sub-No. 346X) Norfolk Southern Railway Company
Railroad Abandonment – MQ 280.15 to MQ 283.10**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that this Law Firm represents the Town of Schererville, Indiana, as its Town Attorneys. This letter will serve as the formal response of the Town to the August 12, 2013, Norfolk Southern cover letter and Combined Environmental and Historic Report.

We note that in its RESPONSE at the top of the fifth page of the Environmental report that the “NSR does not know if there are any state and/or local plans that may be facilitated by the proposed abandonment”. However this Firm’s letters dated May 13th and July 29th, both of 2013, which appear in Appendix C, state otherwise. We further note that the Environmental Report states that no impacts are anticipated with the proposed abandonment action. This statement is very broad and does not include any details or references (i.e. record search, EA, or EIS). Finally, we note that the Norfolk Southern has included its August 12th cover letter in Appendix B, not its initial April 25th letter soliciting the comments that follow in Appendix C.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this abandonment action and request to be copied on all further communications. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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