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RE: Finance Docket No. 35523, CSX Transportation, Inc. – Joint Use – Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company, Inc.

On behalf of the city of Southport, I am writing to notify the Board of our intention to support the filing for rail line improvements as proposed by the LI and CSX railroads.

Our community has several industries that rely on rail service. We believe that this investment will support their needs, and allow them to source products efficiently.

We look forward to the industrial development benefits of an improved rail corridor that will allow us to compete for new prospects.

We understand that this investment will upgrade the integrity of the rail line and allow for faster and safer transit of trains through our community.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jesse Vernon Testruth

CC: Louisville & Indiana Railroad