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Secretary Vernon Williams  
Office Of The Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 "K" Street NW  
Washington, D.C.

RE: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-33 [Sub-No. 178X] - Phoenix Line,  
Yuma and Maricopa Counties, Arizona

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Arizona Department of Transportation [ADOT] has been in communication with representatives of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and is aware that it is Union Pacific's intention to file the above cited abandonment. ADOT is pursuing research and contract negotiations toward the purchase of the abandoned property from Union Pacific and would formalize this purchase through a Line Sale Contract. ADOT fully supports Union Pacific's abandonment and discontinuance of the railroad line and would file for trail use and rail banking consistent with the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247 [d].

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you need additional information, please call me at 712-7228.

Sincerely,

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