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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Mr. Williams:

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We are in need of additional time in which to finalize negotiations for acquisition of the railroad right-of-way in Wright, Franklin and Cerro Gordo Counties, between near Belmond and near Thornton, Iowa for conversion to a trail under terms of federal legislation.

We are requesting that we be granted an additional 180 days in which to finish these negotiations. We expect the Union Pacific Railroad to agree to this extension of time. We are forwarding copies of this letter to Mr. John Herdzina at the Union Pacific Real Estate office at 1800 Farnam St. in Omaha, NE and to the railroad's Senior General Attorney, Mr. Mack Shumate, in the Union Pacific offices at 101 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 1920, Chicago, IL., 60606.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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