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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Room 700
Washington, DC 20423



Re: Docket Number AB-55 (Sub-No. 635X), *CSX Transportation, Inc. - Abandonment Exemption - Gratiot County, Michigan*

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail and CSX Transportation Inc. have successfully completed negotiations on a trail use agreement pursuant to the Notice of Interim Trail Use, the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and applicable regulations at 49 CFR § 1152.29. The agreement reached is on approximately 5.5 miles of railroad from milepost CBE-40.00 at Alma, to milepost CBE-45.5 at Elwell, in Gratiot County, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Kane".

Carolyn Kane, Secretary
On behalf of: Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail

cc: Mr. Louis E. Gitomer, Ball Janik LLP Attorneys
Ms. Lorie Overbay, CSX Transportation, Inc

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