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Ms. Cynthia Brown
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RE: Indiana STB Docket No. AB-295 (Sub-No7x)

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to request a public hearing concerning the above-captioned matter.

I have recently made a formal request for assistance to the Indiana Department of Transportation pursuant to I.C. 8-3-1.5, the Indiana State Rail Preservation Law. I have also filed legislation, House Bill 1268 (the Indiana Freight Rail Infrastructure Redevelopment Act), that would provide incentives to industries that would utilize rail service along the line that is proposed to be abandoned. These efforts have the potential to create a win-win situation for both the railroad and our local communities.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Eric A. Koch
State Representative, District 65

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cc: Parties of Record