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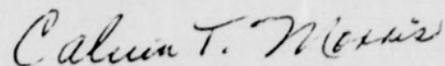
our umbilical cord to the market we serve. Without them we are dead at the present location.

Other local industries now served by Conrail will also be in peril if they are captive to single line rail service. I am well aware of the competitive nature and operating excellence of the Norfolk Southern Railway, where I have twelve years service and CSX, where I have fifteen years service. Neither of these companies will suffer from competition of a short line railroad such as The Indiana Southern Railroad.

As a result of the dire need for competition to control rates and insure survival of captive local industries, I request the Surface Transportation Board to grant the trackage rights requested by The Indiana Southern Railroad as outlined in the STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 76).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Calvin T. Morris
President

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