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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration Office of Proceedings
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20024

RE: STB Finance Docket 36397

On behalf of my fellow Bartlett residents, I would like to thank the STB for continuing to take a hard look at this difficult scenario. I would like to provide another update as to how the interim Interchange plan has benefited our community. The Village continues to see relief at its train intersections since the interim agreement has been in place. In light of developments here and across the nation, the responsibility of our first responders has only increased, far beyond what we have ever experienced. This has amplified the importance of this issue to not only our residents, but our emergency services.

A few issues of importance that the Village would like to point out to the STB include:

If the STB recalls, it directed CN and CP to be more forthcoming in sharing data with the Village relative to grade blockages; this simply has not happened. CP's argument that Bartlett's data is unpersuasive or unreliable is disingenuous at best, as such flaws, if any, are directly caused by CN and CP's failure to comply with this Board's direction.

Bartlett fully understands that CN is moving the interchange for its own benefit. While the Village cannot know precisely why CN seeks to change the interchange, Bartlett can unequivocally state that the change has improved the daily life and overall public safety in the community. The STB should consider the rights of others, including the legitimate safety concerns for a community of over 42,000 people.

As Bartlett has repeatedly stated, it understands and recognizes the legal environment in which the railroad operates. Contrary to CP's assertion, Bartlett's position is not a back-door attempt to improperly regulate railroad operations, but rather it is the fundamental duty of the Village of Bartlett to articulate its legitimate safety concerns, and the legitimate concerns of its residents, to the STB. This dispute is not simply a business dispute.

The Village continues to be grateful to the STB for analyzing this situation closely and sincerely.

Sincerely,

Kevin Wallace
Village President

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Docket Number FD36397 parties of record Notification

CC: all parties of record have been served.

Thank you,

Samuel Hughes

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