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Re: R.J. Corman Railroad Property Abandonment in Scott, Campbell and Anderson
Counties, Tennessee, AB-1296 (sub-no. 0x)

Dear Ms. Brown

I am responding to the filing on October 12, 2020 by the Cumberland Trails Conference
and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning to your office.

As previously stated Scott County does not support a rail trail on the RJ Corman line for
several reason. Combined all three counties provide over 2,000 miles of multi use trails
for hiking, horse back riding, biking and off road use. Included in them is one of the most
beautiful rail trails in the Eastern seaboard, the Oneida and Western, which runs out of
Scott County. The R.J Corman line, if left in tack and put back in service as it will be if
you grant the OFA process, will have a significant economic impact and job creation over
a Trail.

Note that the Virginia Creeper trail is part of the National Park Services and the New
River Trail State Park is owned by the State of Virginia. They have the needed financial
recourses to maintain these corridors. We will not be able to provide such recourses.

The preservation of this line, along with its annual economic impact and job creation, will
have a long term and steady growth effect on our distressed region and will be one of the
leading factors that will give us a sustainable economic future. Just recently a new coal
mine was approved in Campbell county. Our region has some of the highest quality coal and
the mines along the Oneida line, as stated in previous filing, National Coal would start shipping
again when economically feasible. If the line is taken up this will never happen.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Tibbals", is written over the printed name.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 2, 2020, I served the foregoing Scott County Letter using the below email addresses on all parties of record in this proceeding:

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