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Dear Mr. Martin:

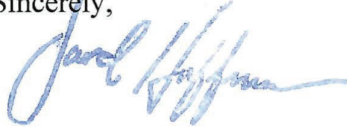
I am writing to ask your consideration of the Timber Heritage Association's (THA) request to participate in railbanking proceedings before the Surface Transportation Board. THA filed its request in May, seeking to relay its interest in the Humboldt Bay area.

I wrote a letter in July on behalf of Humboldt County and the North Coast Railroad Authority asking for STB to reconsider their request for an abeyance to railbank the mainline railroad north of Willits while considering jurisdiction over the Annie and Mary segment separately. Humboldt County and the city of Eureka maintain that this abeyance could delay projects that require railbanking.

It should be noted that THA and other groups are interested in maintaining rails alongside a trail from Eureka to Samoa for a tourist train, speeder rides and rail bikes, which are popular attractions in many areas. THA specifically continues to develop a timber and railroad museum at a site along the tracks in Samoa, as well as a scenic excursion train. As you consider decisions on railbanking, I ask that you take those groups' interests in mind.

I have attached THA's May filing to STB in May as well as a map of the area of interest in question. Please give this your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



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Re: Docket No. AB 1305 North Coast Railroad Authority – North Coast
Railroad Authority—Abandonment Exemption—In Mendocino,
Trinity, and Humboldt Counties, Cal.

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Timber Heritage Association, an IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit in Humboldt County, California, hereby gives notice of intent to participate in the above-captioned proceeding.

The Association wishes to be added as a party of record and intends to participate in this proceeding. Our specific area of interest is around Humboldt Bay from Eureka (MP 284.10) to Samoa (MP 300.5), see accompanying map.

If you or the parties to the proceeding have any questions about this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Pete Johnston

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MAP OF THE LINES OF THE NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

