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The Honorable Jared Huffman
1527 Longworth House Office Bldg.
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Dear Representative Huffman,

Thank you for your recent letters regarding North Coast Railroad Authority – Abandonment Exemption – In Mendocino, Trinity, and Humboldt Counties, Cal., STB Docket No. AB 1305X. I appreciate hearing your views concerning this matter. As you know, on May 14, 2021, North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 in connection with the abandonment of approximately 175.84 miles of rail line in Mendocino, Trinity, and Humboldt Counties, California.

The Board has held this matter in abeyance since June 9, 2021. On August 26, 2021, the Board denied a request to lift the abeyance and requested comment on two rail segments related to the line at issue. Because this case is pending, I cannot comment on the issues and must instead allow the Board's recent decision to speak for itself. However, please be assured that the Board will give full and fair consideration to all comments and submissions in this proceeding.

A copy of your letters have been placed in the public docket. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Ms. Janie Sheng, Acting Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Oberman
Chairman