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Subject: AB 1305X

To whom it may concern:

I am a Humboldt County resident writing to express my very strong opposition to the cessation or delay of railbanking for the Great Redwood Trail. This trail is supported by our community, and we want it to move ahead as quickly as possible. Please set a timeline for it's construction and do not wait while legal issues are being determined.

The reconstruction of the corridor for freight trains is absurd and not wanted up here. The Eel River geology cannot support the amount of freight rail traffic required to finance reconstruction from Willits to Humboldt. And to propose to run coal on it is beyond absurd. It is criminal. The planet is melting down, we are barreling towards climate disaster, California is on fire because of fossil fuels. This must stop. We want the Great Railroad Trail. We do not want freight rail here and we categorically oppose the coal proposal.

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