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Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Proceedings
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: R.J. Corman Railroad Property Abandonment in Scott, Campbell and Anderson
Counties, Tennessee, AB1296X

Dear Ms. Brown:

We respectfully request, pursuant to 49 CFR § 1152.29(c)(1)(ii), a one-year extension of the trail use negotiation period in the above referenced matter relating to the abandonment of the Oneida line in Scott, Campbell, and Anderson counties, Tennessee. A number of filings, cited in R. J. Corman Railroad Response to Petitions to Reopen or Vacate by Anderson County that was entered as part of the public record on June 15, 2021, have stymied our efforts to negotiate.

We understand that if the railroad is abandoned, the only way to keep the rail corridor intact is to develop a trail. Trail development will allow safeguarding of the land rather than letting the titles revert to the property owners along the railroad. The corridor will remain intact for later re-establishment of rail service under this option should such use be deemed needed and appropriate. Thank you for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Mark Bevelhimer
President
Tenn. Citizens for Wilderness Planning

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