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The Honorable Jared Huffman
1527 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Huffman,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding North Coast Railroad Authority – Abandonment Exemption – In Mendocino, Trinity, and Humboldt Counties, Cal., Docket No. AB 1305X. I appreciate hearing your views on this matter in support of the North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA).

As you know, on May 14, 2021, 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 an apparent discrepancy regarding the two rail segments related to the line at issue. Since that time, the Board has received numerous comments from interested stakeholders. Because this case is pending, I cannot comment further. 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 letter and this response has 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