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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: FD 29761
Ontario Central Railroad Corporation
Operations Between Shortsville and Victor, NY

Dear Ms. Brown:

Harter Secrest & Emery LLP is counsel to Victor Insulators, Inc. ("Victor Insulators"). Subsequent to our letter filed with the Board on March 24, 2023 regarding Ontario Central Railroad Corporation's "Notice of Intent to Partially Terminate (Abandon) Service", we received the enclosed letter for the Board's attention from Raymond A. Ryerse Jr., Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union #86.

Thank you for your time and attention to the issues raised herein and in our March 24, 2023 submission. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like further information.

Very truly yours,

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Re: Docket No. FD29761

March 25th, 2023

Regarding the proposal by the Ontario Central Railroad to abandon the section of track that connects to Victor (Docket no. FD29761) I state that I support the Victor Insulator Company and desire that you heed the company's arguments and consider the welfare of the company as you deliberate.

Victor Insulators has been serving the community and this Nation for approximately 130 years and continues to do just that today. As the only American Made Union Operated insulator manufacturer in the county. During World War II, the Victor Insulator Company responded to a request from the military to develop dining ware that was sturdy and wouldn't slide easily on tables. The company developed a bowl and a dual-wall coffee mug using the same materials they use to make insulators. They won the government contract, but their coffee mug design quickly caught on in restaurants and diners. The popular American off-white colored diner-style coffee mug would soon be copied by companies as far away as China. When Victor Insulator Company couldn't compete with the counterfeits on the market, they decided to close their coffee mug manufacturing in the late 1980s.

The Irony of that last statement should ring true and goes against everything of which the current state of the Country requires. Most assuredly, removing the rail spike will shut down this institution of service to our community and our Country. I urge you to not make the same mistake.

I, Raymond A. Ryerse Jr. Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union # 86; to which I have the privilege of representing over 50 Union Members at Victor Insulators Plant, implore this board to take into the account the welfare of the community as well as the Country while making your decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 30th day of March 2023, caused copies of the foregoing letter and enclosure to be served by email as follows:

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