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Dear Alan,

I emailed these comments the day of the hearing, though I am not sure I submitted them correctly. Thank you for your attention to this matter and its impact on our community.

Best,

Jennifer Dickinson

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From: **Jenn Dickinson** <jennifer.ann.dickinson@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Sep 28, 2023, 8:16 AM

Subject: Comments to the STB Re: Conrail's Proposed Abandonment of Harsimus Branch in Jersey City, NJ, Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1189X)

To: <Karen.Stevens@stb.gov>

Dear Karen,

I am unable to attend the Surface Transportation Board's online public meeting on Conrail's Proposed Abandonment of the Harsimus Branch in Jersey City, NJ, Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1189X). However I would like to contact the STB with my comments and am hoping that you can help send them to the proper person.

My family and I live in downtown Jersey City in the neighborhood of the Harsimus Branch and Embankment. I am writing to urge the STB to take an active role in preserving the future of this historic resource and protect our community from adverse effects by neglect, inaction or silent endorsement of Conrail's unlawful sale.

Strong development pressure in downtown Jersey City continues to strain our infrastructure, and without another path forward the site will surely be commercially developed and its history erased. There are many options for this site to contribute to Jersey City history, infrastructure and beautification, as open space, transportation corridor, trail or park, and likely many more that preserve its historic importance and provide a cultural and tangible physical resource to our city.

I support the comments of the Embankment Preservation Coalition, and ask that the STB engage consulting parties and the public in considering ways to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse effects to this historic resource, and use Section 106 to consider Master Plans, Redevelopment Plans, development issues, and the STB's own powers to mitigate adverse effects.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my point of view.

Best,

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