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**Subject:** Re: Transmittal of Final Memorandum of Agreement for Signature - Conrail's Proposed Abandonment of the Harsimus Branch in Jersey City, New Jersey (Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1189X))  
**Date:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 11:50:03 AM  
**Attachments:** [October 11, 2023 HCA Letter to the Surface Transportation Board.pdf](#)

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To: STB Office of Environmental Analysis attn: Alan Tabachnick  
 Re: Request by STB to Harsimus Cove Association for signature on Final Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in AB 167-1189X (Harsimus Branch)

Mr. Tabachnick:

I am writing on behalf of the Harsimus Cove Association (the "HCA") to respectfully decline to sign or return the proffered signature page to the MOA. The MOA fails to hold Conrail accountable for its unlawful abandonment of the Harsimus Branch Embankment or otherwise address the unlawful sale of the Harsimus Branch Embankment. As sent forth in the HCA's October 11, 2023 submission, attached again for reference, we implore the STB to retain jurisdiction and take actual steps to preserve the Embankment for our members, our neighbors and future generations. Despite the active participation of dozens of community partners and hundreds of local residents who overwhelmingly called for the STB to do more to preserve the Embankment, the revised MOA falls woefully short and essentially adopts the MOA that was prepared by the STB last year. The decision not to sign the MOA was unanimously approved by the membership of the HCA at its regular meeting on March 11, 2024.

Respectfully,

Tom Monahan  
 President  
 Harsimus Cove Association  
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