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Re: City of Philadelphia – *Petition for Declaratory Order*, STB Finance Docket No. 36768

Dear Ms. Brown:

I write concerning the matter referenced above (STB Finance Docket No. 36768). It is my understanding that this matter currently sits before the Surface Transportation Board.

It is my further understanding that the resolution of this matter has significant land use implications affecting several neighborhoods that lie within my congressional district. Chief among these is the planned expansion of public green space atop the Reading Viaduct, a former railway which was abandoned decades ago, and has subsequently sat unused, creating a visual blight that has negatively impacted the City of Philadelphia.

Given the importance of this matter, I respectfully request that the STB make every effort to reach a determination as quickly as possible.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Brendan F. Boyle
Member of Congress

