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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: City of Philadelphia – *Petition for Declaratory Order*, STB Finance Docket No. 36768

Dear Ms. Brown,

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

Furthermore, it is also my understanding that the resolution of this matter has significant land use implications affecting several neighborhoods that lie within the Philadelphia area. Specifically, the planned expansion of public green space atop the Reading Viaduct – a former railway which was abandoned decades ago – and has 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 Surface Transportation Board remain dedicated to reaching a determination as quickly as possible.

Feel free to contact my office at (202) 224-4254 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Fetterman", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

John Fetterman
United States Senator