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The Honorable Robert J. Menendez
2453 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Menendez,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the City of Jersey City's appeal of the Surface Transportation Board's rejection of Jersey City's Offer of Financial Assistance for the rail line known as the Harsimus Branch, in Consolidated Rail Corporation—Abandonment Exemption—in Hudson County, New Jersey, AB 167 (Sub-No. 1189X), and related dockets.

I appreciate hearing your views about the potential benefits of preserving the line for passenger service, while maintaining compatibility with freight movement. Because the appeal of the Board's decision is a pending matter, I cannot comment further; however, I thank you for sharing your views. Please know that the Board will fully and carefully consider the appeal.

Your letter and this reply have been placed in the public docket on the agency website. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Ms. Janie Sheng, Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Fuchs
Chairman