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Chief of Case Administration
Office of Chief Counsel
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In
Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Portage Counties, Ohio, AB 290 (Sub-No. 418X)

Dear Chief of Case Administration,

As stated in the letter filed on January 20, 2026, by the Executive Director for West Creek Conservancy (“West Creek”), West Creek has notified the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) of West Creek’s intent to terminate its trail sponsorship with respect to Segment 1 of the Rail Line.¹

In its letter, West Creek also notified the Board that the City of Aurora, OH (“Aurora”) will replace West Creek as trail sponsor for the portion of the Rail Line between Milepost RH 21.5± at the Geauga-Portage County Line, Ohio and Milepost RH 22.0±, in Portage County, Ohio (“Segment 1”) and that the City of Solon, OH (“Solon”) will continue as the trail sponsor for the portion of the Rail Line between Milepost RH 15.0± in Cuyahoga County, Ohio and Milepost RH 21.5± at the Geauga-Portage County Line, Ohio (“Segment 2”)

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) hereby consents to the substitution as stated in the West Creek letter filed on January 20, 2026, and NSR further supports West Creek and Aurora’s requests that the Board reopen the abandonment exemption, vacate the existing notice of interim trail use (“NITU”) for Segment 1 of the Rail Line, and issue an appropriate replacement NITU to Aurora as the new trail sponsor for Segment 1.

If there are any questions about this letter, please contact me directly, either by telephone: at 202-663-7823 or by e-mail: wmullins@mullinslawgroup.net. If I am unavailable, you may

¹ The Rail Line refers to the approximately 7-mile rail line between Milepost RH 15.0 +/- and Milepost RH 22.0 +/- in Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Portage Counties, Ohio.

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Respectfully submitted,

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