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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
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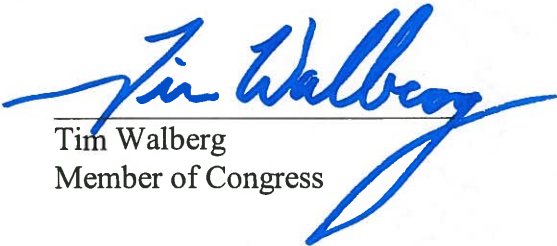
Dear Chairman Begeman:

We are writing to affirm our interest in STB Docket No. 42142, *Consumers Energy Company v. CSX Transportation, Inc.*, which we understand is now before the Board for decision after 29 months of agency proceedings.

As discussed in our letter of January 8, 2016, the more than 1.8 million Michigan citizens and companies served by Consumers depend on the utility for reliable electricity at a reasonable cost. Consumers' ability to meet this responsibility, in turn, depends heavily on the delivered cost of its generation fuel, of which CSXT's rates for the transportation of coal to the J.H. Campbell Station are a major component. The fact that Consumers has been compelled to pay CSXT as much or more for coal deliveries over the 170 miles between Chicago and Campbell as it does to bring the coal 1150 miles from the Wyoming mines to Chicago remains a matter of serious public concern in our State.

As a captive shipper, Consumers and the Michigan residents and businesses that it serves must rely on the Board for protection from monopoly rail pricing. Now that the evidentiary record before the Board has been completed, we urge the agency to fairly discharge its statutory responsibility to ensure that the rates paid by Consumers for CSXT service are maintained at reasonable levels. We appreciate your continued consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,


Tim Walberg
Member of Congress


Debbie Dingell
Member of Congress