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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

Thank you for your letter dated January 19, 2018, regarding the storage of rail tank cars by the Saratoga & North Creek Railway (SNCR) on the Tahawus Line, which is a rail line that runs through the Adirondack Park in upstate New York. I appreciate knowing your views on this matter.

As you may be aware, on December 27, 2017, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) submitted a preliminary filing to the Board, indicating that NYDEC intends to initiate an adverse abandonment action in an effort to terminate SNCR's common carrier operations over the Tahawus Line. N.Y. State Dep't of Env'tl. Conservation—Adverse Aban.—Saratoga & N. Creek Ry. in the Town of Johnsburg, N.Y., Docket No. AB 1261. To date, SNCR has not filed a response to NYDEC's filing.

Because NYDEC has commenced a formal action before the agency, I cannot comment further. However, please be assured that the Board appreciates being informed of your concern and will work to resolve the proceeding in a fair and expeditious manner. A copy of your letter, along with this response, has been placed in the docket.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please have your staff contact Lucille Marvin, Director of the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Ann Begeman
Acting Chairman