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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
Acting Chairman
Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Docket No. FD 36137 City of Fishers, City of Noblesville, and Hamilton County,
Indiana Petition for Partial Revocation of Exemption

Dear Chairman Begeman:

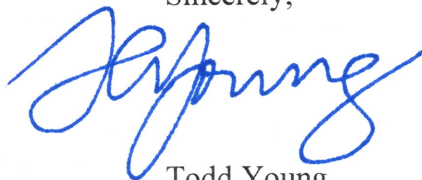
The Cities of Fishers and Noblesville, Indiana, and Hamilton County, Indiana (collectively, the "Owners") plan to place under interim trails use (or "rail bank") a roughly 35-mile railroad line locally known as the Nickel Plate Rail Line (the "Line"), extending from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Tipton, Indiana. If permitted by the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), this project would provide a recreational asset for Indiana communities.

The Owners petitioned the Board to partially revoke the exemption that they enjoy collectively as joint Owners of the Line, which, if the petition is granted, would allow the Owners to move forward with rail banking the Line.

Numerous Hoosiers affected by this petition have communicated their interest in this petition. I thank the Board for their thorough review of the multitude of comments from affected Hoosier stakeholders and for incorporating these stakeholders' thoughts as a part of the review process. I would respectfully request that the Board expeditiously review this petition in accordance with established Board procedures and all applicable laws to render a decision in a timely and efficient manner.

Thank you for your due consideration of this petition.

Sincerely,



Todd Young
United States Senate