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Ann D. Begeman, Acting Chairman
Deb Miller, Member
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Docket No AB-1258: *Alloy Property Company, LLC –Adverse
Abandonment – Chicago Terminal Railroad in Chicago, IL*

Dear Acting Chairman Begeman and Member Miller:

I am writing to express my support for Alloy Property Company LLC's (Alloy's) Application for Adverse Abandonment of the Chicago Terminal Railroad's (CTR's) line located between the western side of North Elston Avenue and the intersection of N. North Branch and North Halsted Streets in the Goose Island area of Chicago (the Line) in the above-referenced proceeding.

I understand that Alloy has plans to redevelop the property into a modern, mixed-use development that is centrally located on Chicago riverfront property. These efforts are consistent with the City of Chicago's North Branch Framework Plan, calling for the redevelopment of this area of Chicago, which includes Goose Island, to foster new mixed-use neighborhoods.

Given that traffic has not moved over the CTR Line in more than two years, and many local businesses who once utilized the Line have either closed, relocated, or have begun using alternative modes of transportation, a reassessment of the Line's benefit to the community is necessary. The City of Chicago itself has recognized that freight rail service is no longer needed on this Line. In light of the City's support for abandonment, the significant benefits that redevelopment will bring to the community, and the lack of demand for rail service on the Line, I support abandonment of the Line.

Sincerely,

Mike Quigley

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Member of Congress