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I would like to strongly oppose the proposed rule which would restrict railbanking negotiations to six 180-day extensions—essentially three years—except under “extraordinary circumstances.” Many rail-trail managers know that negotiations can, unfortunately, persist beyond that time, whether for regulatory, funding or other legitimate reasons. This is an unreasonable and unnecessary change to a program that has been working extremely well in the past in building economic and social benefits to abandoned rail corridors.