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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 Ms. Begeman:

Save the Nickel Plate, Inc. ("STNKP") wishes to submit additional evidence demonstrating the concern expressed by a local governmental body that was excluded from the railroad corridor planning process by the City of Fishers, City of Noblesville, and Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Owners"). It is also our desire to very briefly respond to the content of the Owners' most recent submission to the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") on September 15, 2017.

The additional evidence is provided as a video recording of a recent Hamilton County Council ("Council") meeting, having occurred and been recorded on Wednesday September 13, 2017 by Hamilton County TV, where multiple Council members expressed frustration with their lack of involvement and foreknowledge of the planned rail-to-trail conversion (uploaded as an attachment online). More information is also summarized in a newspaper article located at:
<http://thetimes24-7.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=56379&TM=2911.19>

STNKP believes it necessary to address a few persistent concerns that are continuing to be addressed within the Owners' subsequent filings in this proceeding.

20-Day Deadline - We, along with the Owners, respectfully seek the Board's clarity on the status of this filing, the requests for an extension of time, and whether additional comments will be accepted.

Adequate Time for Participation - While the Owners continue to assert that there has been adequate time for participation in this proceeding and that the public has been duly informed and involved with the planning of this corridor, we ask that the Board note the July 31, 2017 vote to railbank the Line and the subsequent August 1, 2017 filing of Docket No. FD-36137-0. The one (1) day turnaround from local decision to filing with the Board provides effectively no time for interested parties to prepare submissions to the Board within a 20-day deadline; should the Board consider comment timelines to be restricted as such.

Agency Rules and Procedures - The Owners noted, in their September 15, 2017 submission, that STNKP and other parties have acquainted themselves and are either misconstruing or choosing not to comply with agency procedures and rules. STNKP would like to assure the Board that any potential non-compliance with Board procedure or rules is NOT willful or desired. While elected officials working on behalf of the Owners are employed in a capacity which allows them to allocate time near-limitless public funds to seek and utilize specialized legal counsel to this issue, affected citizens, such as those of us which comprise STNKP, must spend time outside of our full time jobs and away from our families to combat what we believe is willful public wrong-doing, disservice, and malfeasance in the handling of this issue. While we work diligently to learn the Board processes and procedures and seek to retain legal counsel with private funds, we only wish to draw the Boards' attention, using evidence and facts, to serious issues with the Owners' Petition for Partial Revocation. It is our sincerest desire not to commit any offense against the established procedures, rules, or precedent of the Board.

The concern of proper service of documents on all parties of record was also addressed in a recent filing. It was the understanding of STNKP that as a matter of practicality regarding the input and participation of so many individuals, staff members in the office of proceedings authorized serving only the Owners' attorney in this matter.

STNKP sincerely thanks the Board for its time and consideration in reviewing all of the documents and comments submitted in relation to Docket No. FD-36137-0 to ascertain the appropriate path forward.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Logan J. Day", with a stylized, cursive script.

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I certify that these comments have been provided to the Applicant's Attorney of Record via email. /S/ Logan J. Day on behalf of Save the Nickel Plate, Inc. | info@savethenickelplate.org