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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown Chief,
Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Docket No. FD 36137
City of Fishers, City of Noblesville, and Hamilton County, Indiana
Petition for Partial Revocation of Exemption

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing to the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of written comment regarding the "Petition for Partial Revocation of Exemption" filed on August 1, 2017 with the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"). A copy of this comment has also been served on the attorney, Robert A. Wimbish, who is representing the collective owners, City of Fishers, City of Noblesville, and Hamilton County (the "Owners"), of a railroad line in Indiana.

I am a resident of Noblesville, Hamilton County, IN wishing to express my opposition to the proposed railbanking and interim trail use of the subject railroad line (the "Line") from milepost I- 2.13 at Indianapolis, Indiana, to milepost I-39.69 at Tipton, Indiana.

This is a ridiculous \$1 million dollar per mile proposed political pork barrel project that is totally useless to the community as a whole that increases property taxes with no return for on investment. It yanks the heart right out of the railroad that could be used as a light commuter rail line serving towns and communities too numerous to mention. Interstate 69 and S/R 37, already at capacity with no relief in sight for this busting at the seams metro area with no alternative rail service. I marvel at other communities i.e. Washington DC and the North East rail Corridor, Chicago, Denver, San Diego and LA.

The proposed trail would traverse numerous miles through obscure areas where personal safety could present itself as an extreme issue. Take for example the small rural town of Delphi Indiana where two teenage girls lost their lives in unsolved murder in February of this year on their hiking and biking trail.

The Port Authority's suspension of rail operations through their "good old boy" buddy system and are bullying and muscling their way through this project. They have subsequently turned town several propositions from viable operators for the railroad.

Sincerely,

Thomas E Knuckles