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Dear Surface Transportation Board,

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed rule that would limit railbanking to 6, 180 day extensions. Negotiations to preserve trail corridors can take longer than three years for legitimate reasons. The proposed rule represents a threat to the preservation and creation of existing and new trail corridors which are important assets to communities. These trails provide safe non-motorized commuting options, economic boosts due to tourism, and access to healthy recreation for locals.

I would also like to thank the STB for rejecting the proposals to eliminate fee waivers for public entities filing for railbanking and implementing burdensome notification requirements for trail advocates and railroads.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jill Sprance