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The Honorable Jim Banks
United States House of Representatives
509 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Banks:

Thank you for your letter dated October 19, 2017, regarding City of Fishers, City of Noblesville, and Hamilton County, Indiana—Petition for Partial Revocation of Exemption, FD 36137. We appreciate knowing your views on this matter.

In this proceeding, the Cities of Fishers and Noblesville, Indiana, and Hamilton County, Indiana, filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) related to a railroad line between Indianapolis and Tipton, Indiana. Ultimately, as you mentioned, the cities and the county seek to “rail bank” the line in accordance with the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d). After several parties submitted letters and comments in response to the petition, the Board issued a procedural schedule setting a comment period, which closed on October 23, 2017.

Because this proceeding is pending before the agency, we cannot comment on its merits. However, please be assured that the Board is reviewing the numerous comments received and is working to decide this matter. A copy of your letter has been placed in the docket. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Lucille Marvin, Director of the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Ann Begeman
Acting Chairman

Deb Miller
Vice Chairman