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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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395 E Street S.W., Room 1034
Washington, D.C. 20024

Re: Docket No, 36137
City of Fishers, City of Noblesville, and Hamilton
County Indiana

"Petition for Partial Revocation of Extension"

REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Ms. Brown

Enclosed for the above-captioned proceeding is an e filing with my request for an extension of time. 180 days. "Petition for Partial Revocation of Exemption" filed on August 1, 2017 with the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"). A copy of this request 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. The subject Line extends roughly 37.56 miles from milepost I-2.13 at Indianapolis, Indiana to milepost I-39.69 at Tipton, Indiana.

No required historical reports are submitted by the Owners, reports required by the Board's environmental rules 49 C.F.R. section 1105.8 (a), (c) and 36 C.F.R. 800.4(a).

This extension of time is essential for compliance with the mandatory 49 C.F.R. section 1105.8 (a), (c) and 36 C.F.R. 800.4 (a), for me to communicate with the National Historic Preservation Office, State Historic Preservation Office, and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office. research and collect verifiable data, including historical records regarding the Line. An extension time is needed to obtain National Historical and State Historical definitive designation of the Line.

Self railbanking of the Line does not ensure the history of the Line will be upheld.

I am requesting an extension of time to find objective information that would lead to the "Owners conclusion

that the local area would most benefit from the creation of a recreational trail /linear park along the Line right-of-way", versus the subjective misinformation which the Owners have issued up until now.

I am requesting an extension of time to study and understand the Owners unclear petition, concerning the public, "the Owners' rail banking objectives advance the Board's view of the public interest".

The owners "objectives" is to expedite the process of railbanking the Line, and converting it to a trail for interim use, and removing the rail. Railbanking is a decision that should be guided by the residents, since the Line is a public asset. The owners have not demonstrated the public necessity for railbanking the Line.

Historically the line has consistently served adjoining communities as valuable revenue producing passenger transportation and entertainment for more than 24 years. This Line connects to the Indiana State Fair grounds. Over 41,000 persons have paid to ride the train on the active safe Line. Scheduled daily transportation occurs during the weeks of the Indiana State Fair. This train is known as the Indiana State Fair Train.

In 2015 the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority unnecessarily suspended revenue producing passenger traffic on the Line. due to allegations of unsafe track, transportation on the line was suspended. The following evidence shows the rails were not in a condition that warranted suspension.

Federal Railroad Administration Report
OMB Approval No. 2130-0509
Inspector's ID No. 11291
Report No. 84
No violations recommended

The last such excursion operated in 2015. Excursion train service was unnecessarily suspended in 2015. The Owners conduct denies the Federal Railroad Administration Report's validity. As a private local agency the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority is circumventing 49 U.S. Code section 10101 (9).

In 2016 the Owners locked the Line, preventing the Indiana Transportation Museum running an excursion train, the Indiana State Fair Train.

Wherefore, this supporter of Save the Train
Inc, respectfully request that the Board grant an extension of
time.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,
Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kraatz

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I certify that I have
this day served copies of
document upon all parties
of record on this proceeding
by E-mail.

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