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Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board

Re: Draft environmental assessment and Office of Environmental Analysis' (OEA) finding of "no adverse effect" concerning Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment between Milepost GI 0.0 and Milepost GI 2.29 (AB-290 (SSUB-NO. 406X); DHPA #24230)

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated February 4, 2020 and received on February 7, 2020, for the above indicated project in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana.

We concur with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of Environmental Analysis' finding of No Adverse Effect for the undertaking.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. 800.

If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger-Williams at (317) 234-3791 or cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Chad Slider at (317) 234-5366 or cslider@dnr.IN.gov. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #24230.

Very truly yours,

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