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P. Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. St. SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket # 35087

Dear Ms Johnson-Ball,

The law may say railroads must pay a very small share of the grade separation costs but perhaps it applies to areas that are not built up. Taxpayers will have to pay in dollars and in safety hazards. Our state doesn't have money to devote to the projects.

Any money you can get from the Railroad will be used. Construction projects take years to complete so the railroad is not allowed to run extra trains before the safety matters are satisfied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Plautz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.