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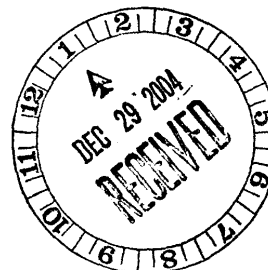
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 638X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.-
Abandonment Exemption-in Knox County, OH*

Dear Secretary Williams:

CSX Transportation, Inc. agrees to the extension of time to continue the negotiation of trails use as requested by the Knox County Commissioners on December 28, 2004.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Louis E. Gitomer'.

Louis E. Gitomer
Attorney for: CSX Transportation, Inc.