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RE: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 289X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment – in Cincinnati and Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio

Dear Section of Environmental Analysis:

This letter relates to the Norfolk Southern Railway Company letter dated April 3, 2008, captioned as above, stating that railroad's plan to abandon a segment of rail line between Milepost CT 2.50 (Cincinnati) and Milepost CT 3.60 (Norwood), a distance of 1.10 miles, located in Hamilton County, Ohio.

Union Township understands that the Mayor of the City of Cincinnati, the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District, and the Clermont County Board of County Commissioners have communicated to you this Region's strategic interest in preserving this 1.10 mile section of Norfolk Southern railroad for a critical public use, namely, the preservation of the aforementioned railroad corridor in support of the City's plan for future public rail transit as a complement to the existing bus transit system.

Certainly, Union Township remains committed to the preservation of transportation corridors which improve the environment through congestion reduction, improved air quality, energy savings, and the host of other benefits which accompany increased use of public transportation. This commitment is evident through our continued interest and participation in the Eastern Corridor Multi-Modal Transportation Initiative.

On behalf of the Union Township Board of Trustees, I would like to express my strong support of the City of Cincinnati's request to preserve this 1.10 mile section of Norfolk Southern railroad for Regional Rail Transit use, as this railway segment is a vital component to the completion of the planned Wasson Light Rail Line identified within the Eastern Corridor Project.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: Norfolk Southern Corporation
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