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Deputy Commissioner

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Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Docket No.: AB-57 (Sub No. 55X)

Proposed Line Abandonment of a 5.0+/- Mile Line of Railroad That Extends Between Milepost 88.2+(near State Highway 41 in West Milwaukee) and milepost 93.2 +/- (near Noroth 123<sup>rd</sup> Street in Wauwatosa) all in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin known as the West Allis Line

Dear Ladies/Gentlemen:

The Soo Line Railroad is petitioning the Surface Transportation Board for Exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C 10502 and 49 C.F.R. 1152.60 seeking authority to discontinue and abandon all freight rail operations over said rail line. We are writing in connection with the proposed rail abandonment. We take no position on the abandonment of the rail corridor.

In the event that a determination to abandon is made, however, we herewith state our support for preserving the corridor rather than permitting it to be sold in pieces. Land corridors like this are difficult to assemble and can be quite beneficial to the community at large as utility and transportation links and should be preserved.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux  
Commissioner

cc: Mayor Tom Barrett  
Mr. Jeffrey J. Mantes

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