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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1310

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Sarah E. Feinberg
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Feinberg:

I am writing to you today to express my concern regarding the proposed Chicago-Milwaukee UPPR Siding Extension at A-20 Project and its potential impact on my constituents. I urge the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to conduct a full Environmental Impact Study (EIS) before moving forward with this project.

The Chicago-Milwaukee UPPR Siding Extension at A-20 Project would lead to the construction of a 10,000-foot holding track for freight trains in Glenview and Northbrook, Illinois. While I support efforts to improve the experience and reduce the commuting time for passengers of Amtrak's Hiawatha Line trains, I am concerned that the full impact of this project on surrounding communities has yet to be determined. The Environmental Assessment was an important first step, but more must be done. A full EIS would help determine the potential risks to the environment and safety of these surrounding communities and their residents and is essential for this project.

I commend you for your efforts in ensuring the safety and reliability of our nation's rail system. To that end, I urge the FRA to conduct a full and timely Environmental Impact Study and further examine the impact the Siding Extension at A-20 project may have on surrounding communities. I appreciate your consideration of my request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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