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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
309 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Markey and Senator Warren:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Rail Line Abutting Landowners – Petition for Declaratory Order, STB Docket No. FD 36623. The Surface Transportation Board (“STB” or “Board”) appreciates hearing from you about the concerns of the residents of Hudson and Sudbury, Massachusetts, regarding proposed construction along the railway line at issue in this proceeding.

As you are aware, on June 22, 2022, the Petitioner Landowners filed a Petition for Declaratory Order seeking a determination of whether the subject line of railroad in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, owned by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, has been abandoned and removed from STB jurisdiction. Since that time, the parties have submitted reply and rebuttal filings. Because this case is pending, we cannot comment further on the merits of the Petition or responsive filings. However, please be assured that the Board will give full and fair consideration to all filings and submissions in this proceeding.

Thank you again for contacting us. A copy of your letter has been placed in the public docket for this proceeding. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Ms. Janie Sheng, Director of the Board’s Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

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