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MAYOR

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Honorable Congressman Brad Schneider
1432 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky
2367 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Schneider and Schakowsky:

On behalf of the City of Lake Forest, I would like to express appreciation for your joint letter dated October 13, 2017 to the Illinois Department of Transportation and Wisconsin Department of Transportation. (Copy attached for your reference).

Your letter acknowledges the potential impact to our City and to other communities from the proposed expansion of trackage by adding a 10,000 foot holding track for freight trains in Lake Forest and elsewhere in your Districts. Many Lake Forest residents have expressed concern the freight impact has increased in terms of volume and type of freight traffic. Any further increase in impact is strongly opposed. The concerns are not only noise, vibration and emissions emanating from freight trains, but also the interference with road traffic and emergency responders, as well as significant safety and environmental concerns in the event of a rail mishap.

We support your position that before the project proceeds, there needs to be a full and fair study of potential freight impact ensuing from the proposed addition of a third track, so that preventative steps can be taken.

Thanks again for your understanding and help.

Sincerely,