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Executive Director

June 6, 2008

Mr. Matthew Dietrich, Executive Director
Ohio Rail Development Commission
50 W. Broad Street, Suite 1510
Columbus, OH 43215

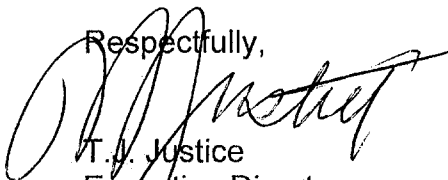
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Dear Mr. Dietrich:

Please find enclosed a petition signed by representatives of local government in Coshocton County last fall in regard to negotiations that are continuing with Ohio Central Railroad for purposes of renewing a lease of the rail system commonly referred to as the Panhandle. I'm hopeful that the interests of Coshocton County and the region served by this rail system can be represented as a part of the State of Ohio's negotiations.

If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me. My business card is attached for quick reference.

Respectfully,



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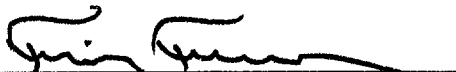
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C: Coshocton County Commissioners
Mayor Mercer
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LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT, COSHOCTON COUNTY
OCTOBER, 2007

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Additionally, we respectfully request that a clause be added to the lease which allows for local government to be granted easements for purposes of constructing public infrastructure to support economic development activities at no cost to local government with a stipulation that construction and maintenance costs for such infrastructure to be assumed by local government.

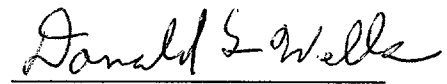

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Dane Shryock, Coshocton
County Commissioner



Gary Fischer, Coshocton
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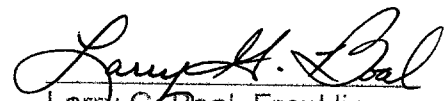
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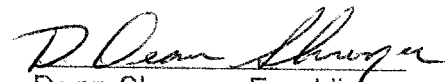
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