

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 1, 2023

The Honorable Amit Bose
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Tristan Brown
Deputy Administrator
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose and Deputy Administrator Brown,

Thank you both for your rapid and thorough response to the February 3 derailment of Norfolk Southern freight train 32N in East Palestine, Ohio. With your agencies' participation in the NTSB investigation, as well as industry and labor's, we hope this investigation will be thorough and professional and will answer our questions about how to protect other communities from similar accidents.

We understand the NTSB's investigation is a deliberate process. As your agencies continue their participation in the investigation into the derailment, its causes, the subsequent fire, and the response, we respectfully request that, if the ongoing investigation identifies concerns that warrant immediate action, that your agencies use their authorities to issue safety advisories, directives or the like to respond as soon as possible to ensure safety, rather than waiting for the NTSB to issue its final report. The sooner we address any immediate needs the better we can improve safety.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to working with you to improve freight rail safety.

Sincerely,



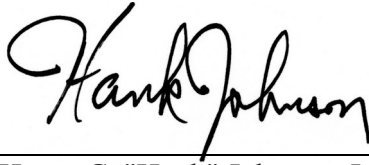
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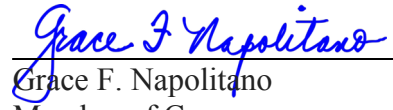
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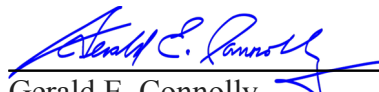
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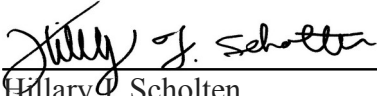
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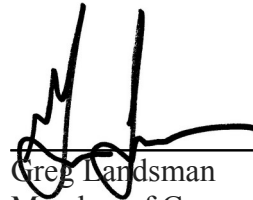
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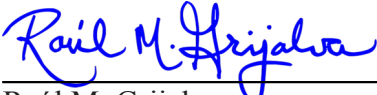
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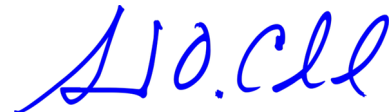
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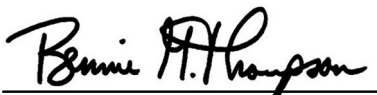
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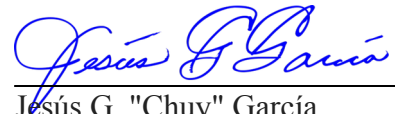
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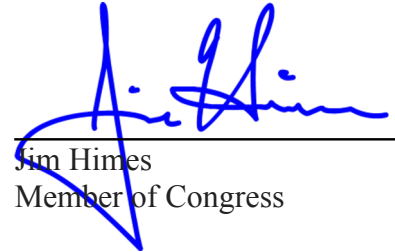
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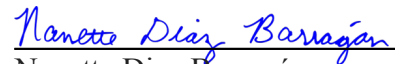
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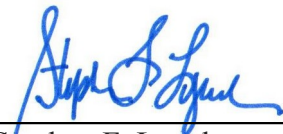
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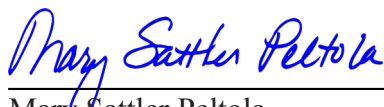
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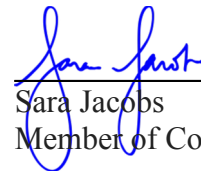
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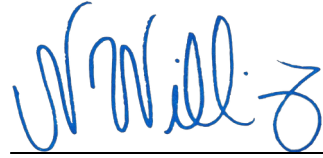
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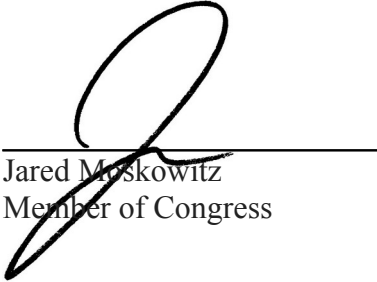
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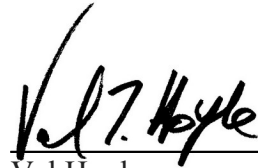
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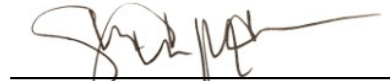
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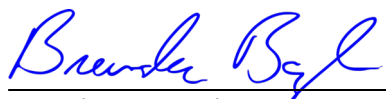
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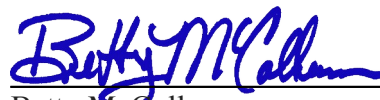
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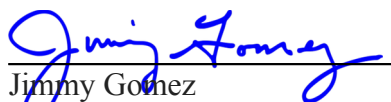
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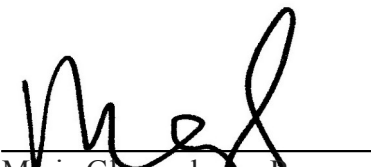
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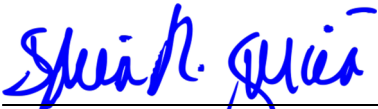
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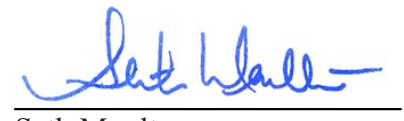

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