



## Cuyahoga County Democrats

September 21, 2023

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CSX Transportation, Inc.  
500 Water Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Alan Shaw, President & CEO  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
650 West Peachtree Street NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308

RE: Request for Improved Maintenance and Response to Violations of Railroad Bridges  
in Cleveland

Dear CSX Transportation, Inc. & Norfolk Southern Corporation:

On behalf of myself and the Democratic Cuyahoga County Delegation, we write to express our serious concerns regarding the maintenance and recent violations of railroad bridges owned by CSX Transportation, Inc., and Norfolk Southern Corporation in Cleveland.

The City of Cleveland has issued 99 first-degree misdemeanor violations for the deteriorating condition of these railroad bridges, which have raised significant safety concerns for our constituents. Violations include issues such as falling concrete, overgrown vegetation, graffiti, and more. The Norfolk Southern owned railroad bridge spanning Broadway Avenue near Harvard is of particular concern, as it poses hazards to both pedestrians and motorists.

We are aware of your commitment to safety and investments in bridge projects. However, the present condition of these bridges, as indicated by the violations, calls for

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immediate action. Therefore, we request that you:

1. Conduct thorough inspections of all your railroad bridges in Cleveland to ensure Compliance with federal standards and safety regulations.
2. Coordinate with the Federal Government and Initiate prompt repairs and improvements to address violations issued by the city.
3. Maintain transparent communication with city officials and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) regarding your progress in resolving these issues.
4. Collaborate with the city to establish a long-term maintenance plan for these railroad bridges.

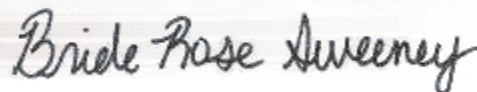
We believe that your swift response to these concerns will enhance the safety and well-being of our community and demonstrate your commitment to being responsible corporate citizens. We look forward to your timely response outlining your action plan to address these violations and improve bridge maintenance in Cleveland.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety and prosperity of our city and its residents.

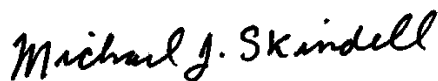
Sincerely,



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Ohio House District 14



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State Representative  
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State Representative  
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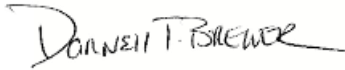
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**Kent Smith**  
State Senator  
Ohio Senate District 21



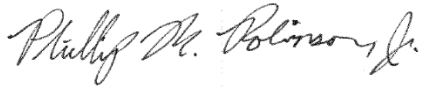
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