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Subject: Community St. DOT 716 029D and Mill St. DOT 716 030X

Dear Mr. Smith:

Safety has always been a top priority at Norfolk Southern. Furthermore, we support the Federal Rail Administration's goal of consolidating 25% of the nation's public at-grade crossings. The FRA recommends no more than one grade crossing per quarter mile and all railroads in the country have been tasked with the elimination of redundant crossings.

Norfolk Southern and SC DOT are in agreement that Community St. and Mill St. are excellent candidates for consolidation as recommended by the Secretary Action Plan and FRA's goal of reducing the number of at grade crossings. As a matter of course, NS would prefer not to have any at grade crossings.

NS is committed to working with the City of Rock Hill on this vital grade crossing improvement project. Additionally, the consolidation of the two grade crossings may be eligible of an incentive payment to the City and is in line with the Corporations goal to prevent collisions with trains, which can result in injury or death.

We look forward to working with you and your city on this important safety venture. Please feel free to contact my office, 540 981 - 5295.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. L. Barringer".

cc: D. Warner -- Economic and Urban Development
D. Munn -- SC DOT