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Mr. Michael W. Johnson
Southampton County Administrator
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The North Carolina & Virginia Railroad is applying for funds for rehabilitation of our rail line in Boykins, VA by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. However, a resolution is required from the locality in which the rail line passes in order that funds may be provided by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

If you would act favorably on a resolution supporting funding by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to the North Carolina & Virginia Railroad, it would be very much appreciated. With your support, a strong rail transportation system will continue to exist to serve industrial growth in our county. I have enclosed a sample resolution that may assist you in the development of an acceptable resolution.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (252) 332-2778.

Sincerely,

Jamie R. Williams
Office Manager



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WHEREAS, the North Carolina & Virginia Railroad desires to file an application with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for safety and improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, through enactment of the Budget Bill, provided funding for acquisition, lease or improvement of railways with the Rail Preservation budget; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina & Virginia Railroad is an important element of the Southampton County transportation system and is instrumental in economic development while providing relief to the highway system by transporting freight by an alternate means; and

WHEREAS, Southampton County supports the project and the retention of rail service; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has established procedures for all allocation and distribution of funds by the General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Southampton, Virginia, does hereby request the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to give consideration to the projects proposed by the North Carolina & Virginia Railroad.

PASSED, this day of _____