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The Honorable Bev Perdue
Governor of North Carolina
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Dear Governor Perdue,

I am writing today to follow up again to my many contacts with your office regarding an urgent concern in Harrisburg, North Carolina, which I represent in Congress.

As you know, I support the citizens of Harrisburg in their objection to the lack of opportunity for sincere local input and influence on the rail crossing closures in Harrisburg as proposed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC DOT) as part of the North Carolina Rail Plan. Geographically splitting Harrisburg will harm local economic development and have grave consequences that the Governor's office should seriously consider.

I and the citizens of Harrisburg are highly frustrated with the public meetings that have been held up to this point during which different state agencies pass the buck back and forth on critical questions regarding the specifics of the plan and how the state's rail plan will impact Harrisburg.

I am strongly urging you to direct North Carolina agencies to hold a comprehensive public meeting in which the citizens of Harrisburg may directly voice their concerns and propose alternate plans for this rail plan that will receive real consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Kissell
Member of Congress

CC: NCDOT Secretary, Gene Conti

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