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To: Allison.barkowski@mail.house.gov,
friendsoftherailroad@gmail.com,

Subject: April 10, 2023 Termination (Abandonment) of
Railroad in Victor, NY

Reply To: _____

Dear Congresswoman Claudia Tenney,

I am writing to you regarding the April 10, 2023
Partial Termination (Abandonment) of Railroad in
Victor, NY and the company Victor Insulators, Inc.

Let me begin by noting the well-known facts that rail
shipping is much more cost-effective than truck
shipping for several reasons. Rail shipping has a lower
cost-per-ton-mile (the cost of moving one ton of
freight one mile) than truck shipping. Rail is also a
much more fuel-efficient mode of transportation.
Railcars can also carry much more volume than trucks;
one rail car is equivalent to about four full truck
loads. The cost of maintaining rail cars is
significantly lower.

In the past, Victor Insulators (VI) received its raw
materials by railroad. Due to lack of maintenance of
the railroad, VI now has had to receive all materials
by truck, bringing increased truck traffic and
environmental contamination to the community.

Presently, VI has a backlog of new orders but due to
the increased costs of truck delivery of raw materials,
cannot commence to address those orders and faces
closure. If rail delivery on a well-maintained rail
line recommence, VI would be saved from closure,
keeping existing jobs with additional 75 new jobs
created.

The April 10th date is fast approaching. The railroad has already notified the Federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) that rail service to VI will terminate (abandon) on April 10, 2023.

Your help is needed, please ask the STB to defer any action to terminate (abandon) rail service until a decision regarding the service complaint filed on December 27, 2022 by Victor Insulators, has been decided.

Thank you for any assistance you might provide in saving VI, a long-standing business in Victor, NY from going out of business in the near future.

Sincerely,
