

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 30, 2006

W. Douglas Buttrey, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Chairman Buttrey:

We write with regard to a proposed intermodal facility by U.S. Rail Corporation in Erie Township, Michigan. This proposed development has caused serious concern for the residents of Erie Township, but little light has been shed as to the process for locating an intermodal facility. We hope to be able to better educate our constituents as to the process and ask that the Board answer the following questions.

1. Has the U.S. Rail Corporation or Global Partners petitioned the Board for an intermodal facility in Erie Township, Michigan? If so, what has been filed and what further steps must be taken by the Board?
2. Could you please provide a complete and accurate summary of the federal requirements for creating a new intermodal facility?
3. If a petition has been filed with the Board, has the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) served an environmental assessment for public review?

It is important that the citizens of Erie Township have the opportunity to express their concerns regarding this project and that their concerns are taken into account as to the proposed project. It is equally important that as the process moves forward it is fair, open and transparent so that all who are interested are able to have their views and concerns considered. The Board's answers will help clarify the federal role with regards to locating a proposed intermodal facility in Erie Township, Michigan. We look forward to the Board's response.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
Member of Congress



Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator



Carl Levin
United States Senator



Kathy Angerer
Michigan State Representative