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ATTENTION: Ms. Leah Thomas-Dalton, Chief
Transportation Department
Railroad Division

RAILROAD DIVISION
SEP 14 2009
10:00 AM

Gentlemen:

The Ohio State Legislative Board, United Transportation Union, representing Ohio railroad employees wishes to file a weed and vegetation complaint (Ohio Administrative Code 4901-5-22) against CSX Transportation (CSXT), which railroad is subject to regulation under Chapters 4905 and 4907 of the Revised Code.

In conducting its railroad operation in the vicinity of Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, said company has permitted unsafe and hazardous walking and tripping conditions to arise due to the excessive growth of weeds and vegetation on its property at the following location:

1. At Milepost BE 58.6, at the D&U switch off of the Toledo Sub west to Germantown Street, weeds are growing in the walkway.
2. At Peerless 4 track, weeds are growing in the walkway.
3. At Germantown Street to Paul Lawrence Dunbar (Summit Street), weeds, small trees, and old tree limbs are protruding in the walkway. Also, vines are growing off the fence at Old Truss Company and protruding into the walkway.
4. At Paul Lawrence Dunbar at Rosedale Avenue, weeds and old brush are growing in the walkway. A tree is striking railroad equipment.

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5. Rosedale Avenue to Bridge Street, weeds, old piles of brush, and tree limbs are in the walkway. Also, tree limbs are striking railroad equipment. At Rosedale Avenue the Dayton Northwest Industrial Lead track starts and is owned by the city of Dayton, Ohio.
6. From Bridge Street to Gettysburg Avenue, trees are striking railroad equipment and weeds are growing in the walkway.
7. From Gettysburg Avenue to Little Richmond Road, trees are striking railroad equipment.
8. From Little Richmond Road to Wolf Creek Pike, trees are striking railroad equipment.
9. At Wolf Creek Pike to the end of the track, weeds are growing in the walkways and trees are striking railroad equipment.
10. At Malt Products Industry, weeds are growing in the walkway.

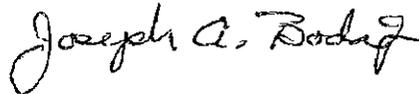
By its failure to establish or maintain an adequate vegetation control program early in the season, it is now endangering the railroad employees required to use this area in the performance of their required duties.

It is requested that an investigation be conducted, under Section 4907.08, to determine if this railroad at the above locations are in violation of your Commission's "Weed Order." If excessive growth is found, then an appropriate and timely order should be issued to require the elimination of the growth and the establishment of a vegetation control program to prevent the recurrence of such unsafe conditions.

No additional information was received.

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Respectfully submitted,



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