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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Mr. Todd A. Snitchler, Chairman
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

This letter is to Petition the PUCO to authorize downgrading the Existing Active Grade Crossing Warning Devices at the East 123rd Street crossing of the Cleveland Commercial Railroad in Cuyahoga County. The crossing is DOT 262421J.

Specifically, to authorize the removal of the southbound signal cantilever. This weekend, thieves attempted to steal the cantilever by cutting the mounting bolts at the base of the cantilever pole causing it to lean dangerously over the roadway. The cantilever did not completely topple over thus thwarting the attempted theft of it. We were notified and had the cantilever lowered to prevent a possible accident and then stored in a neighboring business property to prevent its theft.

We had our signal company inspect the cantilever and base to see if it could be remounted. Because of the way in which the thieves cut the bolts, it was determined that it could not be remounted securely and thus would present a safety issue to motorists and pedestrians.

After a review of the crossing situation, it is the opinion of Cleveland Commercial Railroad and Railroad Traffic Control (our signal maintenance contractor) that the absence of the cantilever would not lessen the safety of the crossing. This is based upon consideration of the following items.

1) East 123rd Street is a residential street. 2) It is flanked by two major crossings less than a quarter mile to the east and west (East 116th St – DOT 262420C and East 131/Miles Ave – DOT 252422R). 3) The crossing is protected by gates and flashers.

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 440 740 1327 or (cell) 440 227 3780.

Sincerely,

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President

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