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## **CITY of VAN WERT**

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Petition for Exemption of U.S. 127/224 Industrial Spur Crossing

AARDOT No.: 934 702B County: Van Wert City: Van Wert

Street: U.S. Rt. 127/224

Dear PUCO Representative:

The City of Van Wert is petitioning for a railroad crossing exemption under Ohio Revised Code 4511.63. This is a two-lane roadway with a speed limit of 55 mph. The City of Van Wert feels that making this crossing exempt would increase safety for school buses and HAZMAT vehicles by eliminating their need to stop.

The crossing was installed to serve a future manufacturing facility. At this time, the tracks are not in service since there is no end user. By exempting this crossing, no vehicles would be required to stop, creating less hazards and increasing safety for the traveling public.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 419-238-1237 or via email at <a href="mailto:ifleming@vanwert.org">ifleming@vanwert.org</a>. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Jay Fleming

Safety-Service Director

cc: Matthew Rosebrock, ODOT Dist. 1

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