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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division  
180 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

16-1608-RR-RCP

**Re: Petitioning for Exemption of Toledo, Lake Erie & Western RR Crossing,  
Lucas County at SR 295 (LUC-SR 295-2.69)**

Dear PUCO Representative:

The Ohio Department of Transportation, District 2, 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. ODOT District 2 feels that making this crossing exempt would increase safety for school buses and HAZMAT vehicles by eliminating their need to stop on this highway. Based on the rail line's owner's website, tlew.org, the Bluebird passenger train is currently not running. Visual inspection of the crossing shows no signs of activity on the rail line as the area is overgrown with brush and rails are missing at the crossing. By exempting this crossing, no vehicles would be required to stop creating less hazards and increasing safety for the travelling public.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 419-373-4403 or via email at [Aaron.Behrman@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:Aaron.Behrman@dot.ohio.gov). Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Aaron Behrman, P.E.  
District 2 Railroad Coordinator

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