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Maurice O'Connell
Vice President, Public Affairs
CSX Transportation
1 Bell Crossing Road
Selkirk, New York 12158

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

I am writing to request your immediate attention to two CSX railway bridges located in my district, which may be in need of immediate maintenance and repair work. The bridges run across Colvin and Parkside Avenues, between Linden and Crescent Avenues, in the City of Buffalo.

I would like to request inspection reports of these two bridges over the last ten years within thirty days of receiving this letter. I would also like to request an inspection to ascertain the current status of each bridge. This railroad track runs directly through neighborhoods in North Buffalo and any significant fault, flaw, or imperfection could lead to catastrophe given the materials that have been neighbors have witnessed traveling the rails via placard numbers.

Both bridges are covered with dents and crumbling concrete at their bases. They have also become awful eyesores due to the layers of filth and numerous rust stains. I fear both bridges have become a blight on the community and their condition has been a matter of concern to myself, residents of the neighborhood, and those who drive under the bridge for some time now. Much of the language in this letter reflects that of a letter from then Councilmember Michael LoCurto back in 2007. The status of the bridges has only deteriorated ever since, as more spalling and erosion has taken place. As the city council member for this district, I am compelled to ensure that all bridges in my district are safe and properly maintained. I am confident that ensuring the safety and maintenance of this bridge is a goal that we both share.

I hope that the concerns outlined can be addressed as soon as possible. I will be glad to assist in any way I can. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns at (716) 851-5155.

Sincerely,

Joel P. Feroleto
Delaware District Council Member

CC: Gene Grabiner, Parkside Community Association