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Congressman Danny K. Davis
United States House of Representatives
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Subject: Concerns Regarding Idling Freight Trains Owned by Union Pacific Railroads in River Forest, IL

Dear Congressman Davis,

I trust this letter finds you well. As the Village President of River Forest, I am writing to bring to your attention a pressing concern shared by our residents regarding the idling freight trains operated by Union Pacific Railroads within our community.

Over the past few months, River Forest has experienced a growing challenge with the prolonged idling of Union Pacific freight trains. The idling trains cause increased emissions and noise pollution, sometimes only feet from residential properties. This undermines the quality of life for our residents, and we need it to stop.

In past years, we have had success in working with Union Pacific on this concern, and we will continue to our attempts. Recently, it has become apparent that the idling increase has been seen in other communities in your district, which is why I am requesting congressional assistance.

I believe that your influence and advocacy can play a pivotal role in working towards a resolution that balances the needs of the railroad industry with the well-being of our residents.

I urge you to collaborate with Union Pacific Railroads and the relevant regulatory authorities to implement measures that reduce idling freight trains in River Forest and other residential neighborhoods. Additionally, your support in any legislative initiatives aimed at mitigating these concerns would be highly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to working together to find a solution that preserves the quality of life for the residents of River Forest. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this topic further.

Sincerely,

Village President Cathy Adduci

CC: Matt Walsh, Village Administrator