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Allan Rutter, Administrator
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Dear Mr. Allan Rutter;

Remote Control Locomotives continue to be an unproven and inconsistent method of operation in the railroad industry. More than 100 accidents have occurred within the past three years, resulting in serious derailments, property damage, hazardous material releases, personal injuries and even employee fatalities.

Therefore, we call on the Federal Railroad Administration to implement strict regulation, not guidelines that are openly flouted. Furthermore, mandate the carriers to adopt better, more adequate training for the employees in charge of remote locomotives. Finally, we call on you to please reopen FRA Docket No. 2000-8422, recommending the study of Remote Control Locomotive operation as requested by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, so that railroad employees, citizens and the communities which may be affected can register their concerns about the safety of railroad operations, not only in Northwest Ohio, but nation wide.

Sincerely,

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