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***Via Hand Delivery & E-Mail Attachment***

The Michigan House of Representatives  
Committee on Judiciary

**Re: CSX Support – HB 4084**

Dear Chairman Filler, Majority Vice-Chair Mueller, Minority Vice-Chair LaGrand and  
Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in support of HB 4084, sponsored by State Representative Cynthia Johnson. My name is Brian Bolash and I serve as a Senior Special Agent with CSX Railroad Police here in Michigan.

CSX is a Class I freight railroad operating in 23 states east of the Mississippi as well as the District of Columbia and two Canadian Provinces. In Michigan, our team serves major industrial, manufacturing, agricultural and intermodal customers across the state and connects them with worldwide markets.

As you know, railroad property is privately owned and maintained by the operating railroad. Unfortunately, this attracts numerous trespassers and criminal activity onto railroad property. Our law enforcement team investigates numerous complaints throughout the year relating specifically to illegal dumping on railroad property.

This legislation will assist the railroad in not only cleaning up these dump sites, but also prosecuting the offenders.

I have attached photos of recent dumping sites on CSX property in Michigan, but these are only a few of many across the state. It is important to note that many of these sites include some level of environmental remediation as a result of hazardous materials present. The costs associated with those cleanups are significantly higher as well.

With enactment of this legislation, we would be able to clean these up and hopefully reduce the number of incidents like these across the state.

**CSX encourages favorable consideration of HB 4084.**

Very Truly Yours,  
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