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Kaitlin Keefer
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Municipality of Clarington
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Sent via email: kkeefer@clarington.net

Dear Ms. Keefer,

Re: Notice of Intent: Whistle Cessation at Bennett Road and Cobbledick Road, Clarington

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the above-noted subject.

While Unifor can appreciate the municipalities attempt at reducing noise pollution and reducing noise exposure to the public, however, Unifor can not support any reduction to safety to accomplish it.

A reading of the *Transportation Safety Board's- Daily Notification Reports* indicate that in Canada, the majority of train accidents occur at railway crossings, many of which are fatal or result in severe and often debilitating injuries.

Accordingly, Unifor remains steadfast in its position; that railway crossing flashing light and bell warning systems, working in conjunction with the existing safety practice of activating a locomotive whistle when approaching public crossings, will maximize public safety at railway crossings.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide comments, and I can be reached at (204) 914-2985 if you wish to discuss further.

Thank you.

Best regards,



Joel Kennedy
National Rail Director
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