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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the flyover project for the two railroad crossings located at Highway 52 West to provide safety for our citizens who travel this road to and from Pelham and Helena. This flyover will prove beneficial for our fire, EMS, and police officers who are responding to emergencies without being stopped or delayed by passing trains.

Pelham has been plagued with lengthy delays for years, specifically on Hwy 52 West, where there are two railroad crossings. Stalled or stopped trains have added several minutes to public safety response times in dozens of instances. In an emergency, every minute matters, and we are committed to public safety and the well-being of our residents and visitors. Additionally, there have been several train vs vehicle collisions at each of the two crossings.

Indirectly, this will also allow faster response times to the neighboring surrounding cities as this is the main passage from some of our outlying stations to respond to Alabaster and Calera, as well as Hoover and North Shelby. The only negative side to this will be during the construction phase. The positive impact on public safety and lives saved by this flyover, there is no way to put a value to.

I am in strong support of this project and ask that the Federal Railroad Administration approve this through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program (CRISI). Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or need anything else. My email is kyle@rpsems.com and my cell is (205) 438-0549.

Respectfully,

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