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Ms. Sarah Feinberg  
Administrator  
Federal Railroad Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Feinberg:

I write to request that you and your staff visit the communities along Colorado's Front Range which are impacted by train noise. In light of the FRA's decision to deny a quiet zone waiver for the City of Fort Collins, I believe it is important for your Administration to wholly understand the effect this excessive noise can have when a freight railroad is integrated through the center of these communities.

To this point, I have been optimistic that resolution to this issue could be found through a quiet zone waiver. In the letter from Office of Technical Oversight Director Ron Hynes to the City of Fort Collins denying the waiver, Director Hynes states that you have directed the FRA to form a Fort Collins Working Group within the Department of Transportation. While I welcome this initiative, I also believe you personally coming to Colorado would send a positive message to these cities and towns of the FRA's commitment to finding a solution.

The local and state officials representing each impacted community all agree that safety is the number one priority in any decision. It is vital that we work together to develop a quiet zone plan that prioritizes safety but also respects the unique characteristics each of these cities face when it comes to train noise. My staff stand ready to work with you to find a time for a visit to Colorado.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Cory Gardner  
United States Senator