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Gordon,

I met you briefly after the EWANA meeting a couple weeks back and just wanted to touch base with you. I have yet to hear back from Cathy Ball whom I emailed just this past Friday. I'm sure she is genuine in her offer to look into the viability of the Festus Bypass alternative truck route, but I'm not sure how thorough her analysis will be. I'm sure that all of our neighbors would like to see a concerted effort to seeing this alternative route come to fruition. Anything you can do to keep this plan on the table will be greatly appreciated.

I'd also like to offer you something to bring before the community. While researching traffic and commercial transportation I found out that many cities have laws restricting the use of engine brakes by tractor trailers within city limits. Engine braking is also known as Jake Braking. It's that loud machine-gun sound trucks make by using a governor on the engine so the wheel brakes don't have to be used. Kind of like down shifting with a stick-shift. Many of the neighbors are concerned with noise generated by New Belgium's operation and this my help reduce that. Better still, it's a city-wide benefit that I think would be very popular. Also, Norfolk Southern touts its concern for community issues in its sustainability report and mentions use of more secure signals at crossings to reduce the need for blasting their horns. They can also be made to act by municipal ordinances declaring quiet zones in certain areas. Maybe this is something you could help bring to the attention of the community.

Thanks for your support and service to the community. I look forward to speaking with you more.

Jonathan Wainscott