

**RESOLUTION URGING ACTION BY FEDERAL LEGISLATORS REGARDING THE SAFETY OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS AND PROTECTING THE WELFARE OF ASHTABULA COUNTY RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Board of Commissioners that due to railroad crossings being blocked for extended periods of time, access to emergency services are being hindered placing county residents in grave danger in the case of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, these blockages affect our emergency service agencies ability to provide crucial health services, fire department aid and can restrict ingress/egress from the homes of some county residents; and

WHEREAS, we are aware that the State of Ohio recently passed legislation (O. R.C 5589.21) in an attempt to address safety issues but that law has been ruled unenforceable by the Supreme Court of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, these issues are of great concern to this Board of Commissioners and we respectfully request assistance from the federal government to address this matter as we feel railroads need to be held accountable; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that we hereby urge Federal Legislators to enact legislation that limits the time a railroad crossing can be blocked or penalties will be assessed to the railroad companies, and to address any other safety concerns for the welfare of all citizens in Ohio and elsewhere, but especially in Ashtabula County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Board is directed to send this resolution to the following: United States Senator Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman; United States Representative David Joyce; Ohio Senator Sandra O'Brien and Ohio State Representative Sarah Arthur-Fowler.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2022-439

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Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by Casey R. Kozlowski.

**VOTE:**

J.P. Ducro IV

Absent

Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

**CERTIFICATE OF CLERK**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



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Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board  
Board of County Commissioners  
Ashtabula County, Ohio