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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

**Re: R213, Senate Bill 560**

Dear Governor Haley:

We are writing to urge you to sign Senate Bill 560. This bill addresses the theft and transport of railroad track material. In recent years, South Carolina's railroads have seen an increase in the theft of railroad material, including items like ties and spikes. These materials have been stolen from railroads' rights-of-way and, in the most dangerous cases, from active track, used to move all types of commodities throughout the state.

CSX, Norfolk Southern and the state's shoreline railroads worked closely with the law enforcement community and the South Carolina Recyclers Association to craft legislation that is effective but not burdensome on law abiding citizens and businesses. We are confident this legislation will act as a deterrent and will allow all of the state's railroads to operate safely and efficiently.

Thank you for your consideration. If you, or your staff, have any questions about this legislation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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