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Dear Governor Evers,

When you appointed Don Vruwink to the OCR, I had high hopes that he would be a better commissioner than Walker's appointee.

The OCR has the power to make rail lines and rail crossings safer for all community members, while enabling the effective use of rail--an important system for the movement of goods and people.

Instead, Mr. Vruwink has continued his predecessor's track record of giving big business priority over resident safety. And while his predecessor was at least slow in implementing this agenda, Mr. Vruwink has lodged an unending barrage of complaints and judgments against the city of Madison.

Mr. Vruwink sabotaged a long-planned extension of the Cannonball Path across Fish Hatchery Rd, requiring the city to route the path along a busy street instead of through a quiet neighborhood, and at considerable expense and delay.

Just in the past month, Mr. Vruwink sabotaged pedestrian access to University Ave, expecting people to walk the long way around at Babcock Drive or walk in traffic. This is a particular hardship for those with limited mobility like seniors and wheelchair users.

Mr. Vruwink has now also sabotaged the city's safety measures on W. Washington, at the path crossing. The city currently has an RRFB signal and a trial lane reduction at this crossing, and the history of injuries at this location shows how important this is.

Governor Evers, I urge you to use the power of your office to remove Mr. Vruwink from the position that he is abusing to do great harm to our community, and appoint someone who values human life over big business and their frivolous complaints. This cannot, in good conscience, continue.

Thank you,

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