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Karl Alexy
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Dear Mr. Alexy:

I am contacting your office regarding the Quiet Zone Application filed by the City of Appleton. On July 17, 2018, my office reached out to the Federal Railroad Administration to inquire on the status on the City of Appleton Quiet Zone Application. More than a year after the 60-day comment period has ended, the City of Appleton has still not received a decision or communication on any corrections needed to its application.

The application process began on October 26, 2016, when the City of Appleton submitted a Notice of Intent to Submit. On April 20, 2017, the initial Quiet Zone Application was submitted. On February 23, 2018, the City of Appleton submitted an Amended Application, followed by a Second Amended Application on April 5, 2018. Per policy stated by FRA, *"The Public Authority Application and allows affected parties to submit comments on the City's revised quiet zone plans during the subsequent 60-day comment period as set forth in 49 CFR 222.39(b). The FRA begins the internal application review once the comment period has expired."* It has been 16 months since the final amended application was submitted, and per your office, *"the Appleton quiet zone FRA response is going through the review process within the FRA's Chief Counsel."* The City of Appleton has not been told further action is required or been provided justification on why the final review is taking longer than expected.

Please advise on the current status of the City of Appleton Quiet Zone Application, why it has taken longer than expected, and any actions the city may take to complete this process. To provide further information regarding the City of Appleton's Application, please respond to David Brooker in my office at david.brooker@mail.house.gov or 920-301-4500.

Sincerely,



Mike Gallagher
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