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Dear Mr. Taft:

This letter responds to the Metro-North Railroad submission dated October 21, 2022, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on October 21, 2022. (MNCW) has complied with FRA's procedures for submission and approval of programs as described in Appendix B 49 CFR part 240.

FRA reviewed the railroad's program modifications and determined that the changes conform with the requirements of 49 CFR part 240 for the reasons discussed below.

Your submission states that on October 21, 2022, the MNCW provided a copy of its 2022 program to Mr. Matt Mitchell, General Chairman of ACRE 9 labor organization representing the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or program modification by the labor organization.

The program modifications are enhancements of previously MNCW-approved Engineer Certification programs. FRA understands that the modifications are intended to provide more detail to the engineer certification process and updated contact information. Modifications to the submission also addressed deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 240, Appendix B.

Please continue in your efforts to improve railroad safety on your system.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submission at (918) 557-0651 or [FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov](mailto:FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov) or [Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov](mailto:Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov)

Sincerely,

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