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Dear Participating Member Stations of the OAB NCSA program:

Once again, Angels on Track is asking for your participation to further our cause of addressing dangerous railroad crossings. We sincerely hope you will consider playing our public service announcements. Your previous support has resulted in hundreds of Dangerous Crossing Reports submitted by Ohioans concerned about hazards at railroad crossings in their community. Your participation will help bring much-needed attention to "BAD CROSSINGS" throughout Ohio.

The Angels on Track Foundation ® is pleased to share our 2026 Public Service Announcement campaign, launching this June, focused on raising awareness about the ongoing dangers at railroad grade crossings and the urgent need for improved safety measures. Our mission began after the tragic loss of our youngest son, Ryan, in 1995, and the recent loss of our oldest son, Jason-- both victims of the same preventable tragedy. For almost three decades, we have worked to ensure that no other family experiences a preventable death or serious injury at a railroad crossing.

Many people believe that if a railroad crossing doesn't have gates or lights, it must be a rarely used crossing. The truth is most rural crossings with lower vehicle traffic are not gated, yet have significant train traffic. A vast majority of railroad crossing accidents and fatalities occur at these non-gated crossings. Even the most skilled and cautious drivers may find it hard to imagine being involved in a train-car collision. Unfortunately, these incidents are more common than one might expect, and the consequences are almost always fatal. According to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), there are over 2,000 grade crossing collisions each year in the United States alone, resulting in approximately 200 fatalities and serious injuries.

#### FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO TRAIN/CAR COLLISIONS:

- Poor visibility due to weather conditions, obstruction by trees/foliage, permanent structures, parked trains or railroad equipment, inadequate lighting
- Faulty warning systems, including gates and lights that fail or malfunctioning warning systems that don't alert drivers to the presence of an approaching train.
- Lack of active protection devices such as gates and lights.
- Drivers making the wrong decision it is safe to cross the tracks based on their perception of the speed or distance of an approaching train at a non-gated crossing
- No uniformity from state to state regarding railroad crossing protection or signage
- Lack of federal laws addressing sight-distance requirements at all railroad crossings based on Train and vehicle speeds.
- Driver error



As a direct result of our OAB public service campaign--and citizens filling out our Dangerous Crossing Reports, everyday Ohioans are empowered to identify these "bad" crossings for future improvements or removal of existing hazards. These reports also put responsible parties on notice, reminding them of their obligation to keep the public safe at all railroad crossings across Ohio.

In a letter dated May 31, 2007, Matthew R. Dietrich, Acting Executive Director, Ohio Rail Development Commission, stated: "The ORDC would like to commend The Angels on Track Foundation® for providing a mechanism by which concerns can be voiced regarding grade crossing issues. There is no substitute for direct input from local citizens who actually utilize the crossings. Your reports afford us that opportunity."

Thank you for the opportunity to share the mission/purpose of The Angels on Track Foundation®. Your support is greatly needed to help us educate the public about the dangers that exist at all railroad crossings—and, most importantly, what must to change to save lives.

Our slogan says it all: BAD CROSSINGS KILL GOOD DRIVERS ®

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicky L. Moore".

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