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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Use of Train Horns in Residential Areas

Dear Congresswoman:

On behalf of our Chairman, Mr. Lance Fritz, I am writing in response to your letter dated March 18, 2019, regarding Union Pacific Railroad's recent modifications in our operation, which has generated several inquiries regarding train horn use and associated noise in the South Bay.

Union Pacific Railroad continually evaluates service to our customers, and many factors contribute to when trains can operate on our network. In this instance, and generally in the entire Bay Area, day time passenger train schedules and existing freight traffic are limiting factors. We have limited availability to operate freight trains on the Caltrain line during the day to South San Francisco, so it is done at night.

We welcome continued dialogue with your office, residents, and working with City of San Jose officials and key stakeholders to explore the possibility of establishing a quiet zone through this area. We stand ready to work in consultation with the City through this process.

Thank you for your engagement on this community issue, and please let us know if we can help with any questions related to the recent operational changes or quiet zone process. My office is located in Washington, D.C., and I am more than happy to meet with you or your staff to discuss the matter in more detail.

Very truly yours,

cc: Mr. Lance Fritz, Chairman, President and CEO, Union Pacific  
Mr. Printz Bolin, Vice President - External Relations, Union Pacific  
Mr. Francisco Castillo, Union Pacific