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Mayor Don Kendrick
City of La Verne
3660 "D" Street
La Verne, CA 91750-3599

Dear Mayor Kendrick:

I am sorry that your citizens have been negatively impacted by the freight horns. We leased freight locomotives to help power our train sets while the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) completes its investigation of the February 2015 Oxnard incident. The lease is a temporary safety precaution that has resulted in some inconvenience for communities along our system. The horns are placed higher on the equipment and project sound in more directions. There are federal guidelines for volume and times when the engineer blows the horn for a trainset.

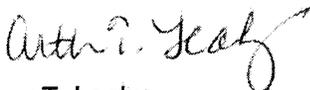
In response to the complaints we have taken immediate steps to reduce the impact on the communities on the early morning trains. For example, we have changed the configuration of the earliest morning trains on the San Bernardino Line to operate with Metrolink locomotives. We hope you and your neighbors have already heard a difference.

In the long-term, some cities in your area are investigating the establishment of a quiet zone since there are so many crossings and homes hear the railroad right-of-way. Quiet zones are sections of a rail line where horns are not routinely sounded when trains are approaching the crossing.

We are hoping to get the results of the NTSB investigation soon. That will allow us to reassess the need for the freight locomotives.

Again, we are very sorry for the temporary inconvenience that the freight horns are causing the people of La Verne. I will keep your City Manager apprised of future developments on this matter.

Sincerely,



Arthur T. Leahy
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Phillip A. Washington, Metro CEO
John Fasana, Metro Board and City of Duarte
La Verne City Council
Bob Russi, City Manager

