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Sent via email: debbie.lesko@maricopa.gov

Dear Supervisor, Lesko,

I am writing to provide clarification and correction of my position regarding BNSF Railway's proposed Logistics Park Phoenix in Wittmann, Arizona. At this time, I cannot support this project in its current form. While I recognize the potential economic and logistical benefits this project could bring to our region, I also have a responsibility as a state legislator to ensure that development does not compromise the safety, infrastructure capacity and overall quality of life of the communities I serve.

In recent weeks, I have heard directly and passionately from residents, businesses, local officials, and community stakeholders. Their concerns center on critical infrastructure readiness, transportation impacts, emergency response capabilities, and long-term community sustainability. These issues are not minor. They go to the very heart of whether this project can coexist responsibly with the neighborhoods and cities that would bear its daily impact.
At this time, I am adopting a neutral position until these infrastructure and public safety concerns are thoroughly and meaningfully addressed. I continue to urge BNSF and all stakeholders to work collaboratively to identify and implement solutions that balance economic opportunity with the well-being of our residents.

My duty is both to advocate for responsible growth that strengthens Arizona's economy and to ensure the voices of my constituents are not only heard but respected. While I understand stakeholder meetings to address concerns continue, it has come to my attention that to date, there have not been solidified solutions to mitigate the infrastructure, public health and safety concerns between the stakeholders.

I am confident that with a deliberate and solutions-focused approach, the involved parties can find a path forward that upholds all these responsibilities. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

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