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Metra
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PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act to Metra (including the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation and the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority). Pursuant to that law, I request access to and copies of Security Directives “RAILPAX-04-01” and “RAILPAX-04-02”.

According to the final rule, “Rail Transportation Security”, published on November 26, 2008, at 73 *Federal Register* 72139:

On May 24, 2004, TSA issued SD-RAILPAX– 04–01 and SD–RAILPAX–04–02, which require passenger rail systems to implement certain security measures... applicable to all passenger rail operators.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. Through this request, we are gathering information on passenger railroad policies and procedures that is of current interest to the public as part of widespread public interest in ID requirements for travel by common carrier.

This information is being sought on behalf of The Identity Project (“IDP”). IDP is a program of the First Amendment Project, a nonprofit organization providing legal and educational resources dedicated to protecting and promoting First Amendment rights. This information will be made available to the public. The principal activity of IDP is publication of the informational and educational Web site at <<https://www.papersPlease.org>>, where we have published documents obtained in response to our previous requests for public records concerning ID requirements.

If my request is denied in whole or part, please justify all withholdings by reference to specific exemptions.

If you have questions regarding this request, please contact me immediately by phone at 415-824-0214 and/or by email at <edward@hasbrouck.org>. I look forward to your response within five business days of receipt of this request.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Hasbrouck". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Edward Hasbrouck
Consultant on travel-related civil liberties issues
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