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Ann D. Begeman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Begeman,

Thank you for your willingness to consider the The Uinta Basin Railway project. The railway represents an important opportunity to improve Utah's energy infrastructure and environmental stewardship, and to enhance the rural economies of Eastern Utah. You and your staff have already received communications from various Utah counties and from leaders of my state agencies offering support and technical direction to the Surface Transportation Board's deliberations. I add my voice to theirs in support of the project.

As you begin the environmental review process over the coming months, I offer the full cooperation of the state. In turn, I hope you will draw on the expertise and wisdom of local leaders and partners.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert
Governor