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October 29, 2020

The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
Chairman
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
395 E St., SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Vice Chairman
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
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The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs
Member
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Begeman, Vice Chairman Oberman, and Member Fuchs,

I am writing to support the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition's proposed Uinta Basin Railway.

Through the Railway, the Coalition is seeking to provide the Uinta Basin with its first connection to the national rail network, addressing major transportation constraints in northeastern Utah. Currently, businesses within the Basin must ship goods by truck. The Railway will give shippers an alternative mode of transportation to transport these goods. The Railway also will provide stable, well-paying jobs to residents of the Uinta Basin.

The State of Utah and its citizens stand to benefit greatly from the Railway. Therefore, I urge the Board to give fair consideration to this Project and to consider the Coalition's Petition for Exemption, and its corresponding request for conditional approval, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

J. Stuart Adams

President, Utah State Senate