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December 7, 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
395 E St., SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

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

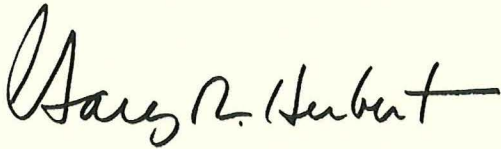
As Utah's Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senate President, and House Speaker, we affirm our continued support for the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition's proposed Uinta Basin Railway. We greatly appreciate the important work of the Surface Transportation Board, and share your goals for expanding forward-thinking infrastructure projects that vastly expand economic opportunities for rural communities in ways that also contribute to the environment.

The Uintah Basin is one of the nation's premier basins for hydrocarbon resources but has been challenged by limited infrastructure connecting it to critical markets. As the main driver of economic development in the Basin's Tribal and rural communities, the Uintah Basin's oil and gas industry provides crucial revenues to support local government services as well as thousands of high paying jobs. A rail connection to the Uinta Basin will solve long-standing freight transportation issues in the Uinta Basin, reducing overall transportation-related

emissions, and supporting robust job growth in Basin communities, and new economic opportunities throughout our state and region.

The State of Utah and the surrounding region will greatly benefit from this critical new railway. We request your thoughtful consideration in advancing the Uinta Basin Railway proposal, including timely consideration of the pending request for conditional approval.

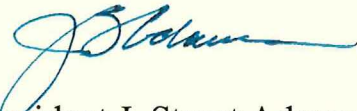
Sincerely,

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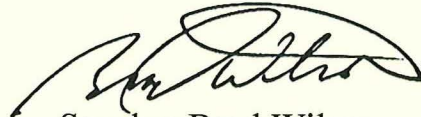
Governor Gary R. Herbert
State of Utah

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Lieutenant Governor Spencer J. Cox
State of Utah

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Stuart Adams".

President J. Stuart Adams
Utah State Senate

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Wilson".

Speaker Brad Wilson
Utah House of Representatives