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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
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RE: FD 36514, Canadian National and Kansas City Southern Railways Operating Subsidiaries--Control—
Kansas City Southern, the Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Gateway Eastern Railway Company,
and the Texas Mexican Railway Company

Dear Chairman Oberman:

Recently, Canadian National (CN) and Kansas City Southern (KCS) announced they would combine to create the premier railway for the 21st century, connecting ports in the United States, Mexico, and Canada to facilitate trade and economic prosperity across the United States. I believe that this combination could expand the collective reach of both railroads and help unlock the full potential of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

I was encouraged by the Surface Transportation Board's (STB) initial decision to approve the voting trust for Canadian Pacific's proposed acquisition of Kansas City Southern. I urge the STB to promptly reach the same decision with respect to the identical voting trust requested for Canadian National's proposed acquisition of Kansas City Southern. Approving Canadian National's voting trust will ensure equitable treatment for both Canadian Pacific and Canadian National and an even playing field.

CN has operated in the United States for more than 100 years. Their railroad safely and reliably connects businesses, large and small, to markets around the world. This combination of CN and KCS will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and free up capacity on already congested roads and highways.

For all of the reasons outlined above, I urge the Surface Transportation Board to approve CN's request for a voting trust identical to CP's in essentially the same timeframe to ensure a level playing field.

Blessings and Liberty,



Jeff Duncan
Member of Congress