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Mrs. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Ms. Brown:

I write the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") to urge approval of the voting trust proposed by Canadian National ("CN") with respect to Kansas City Southern ("KCS") so that it is reviewed on a level playing field with the Board's previously approved trust arrangement for the proposed CP/KCS voting trust.

I am encouraged about the prospects of the CN-KCS transaction because it will strengthen competition by adding a stronger rail competitor in the north-south lanes in the industrial center of the country and opens markets with new single-line hauls, creating more efficient movements among Canada, the United States, and Mexico. With CN's commitment to divest the only overlapping line between the CN and KCS systems, a short 70-mile line between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, and to maintain open gateways, it is a true end-to-end merger that preserves existing routing options and enhances competition with its new, single-line routing options for shippers creating stronger rail-to-rail competition in the north-south corridors.

I am pleased to add my support to the already 1400 other stakeholders who have submitted letters to the STB supporting the transaction. The voting trust should be approved so that the Board and the public may move on to consider the merits of the transaction.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the voting trust and hope that you will approve it expeditiously. Thank you for the consideration of my request. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or my Legislative Assistant, John Millerick, at 202-225-1640 or John.Millerick@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Henry Cuellar
Member of Congress
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