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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Dear Ms. Brown:

I respectfully request the Surface Transportation Board (STB) review the voting trust proposed by Canadian National (CN) with respect to Kansas City Southern (KCS) so that it is judged on the merits of the arguments presented.

The railroad systems in Mississippi are vital for the transportation of competitively priced goods within the state. Further, Mississippi's railways increase transportation efficiency due to their ability to connect Mississippi to trade in the rest of the nation and continent. The consideration of the proposed trust, if STB determines the trust to be in compliance with federal regulations and laws, could serve to benefit not only the people of Mississippi, but also the entirety of North America.

This transaction could strengthen competition by adding a stronger rail competitor in the north-south lanes in the industrial center of the country. Additionally, this transaction opens markets with new single-line hauls, creating more efficient movements among Canada, the United States, and Mexico. More markets and less bureaucracy help businesses in Mississippi's 1st Congressional district.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the voting trust. If you have any questions, please contact Semaj Redd at semaj.redd@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

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