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Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma fully supports the proposed acquisition of Kansas City Southern Railroad by Canadian National Railroad, firmly believing this partnership will create a safer, more efficient service regarding trade movement, as well as maximizing the full potential of the USMCA. As one of the main tribes within Oklahoma that are served by the KCS Railroad currently, we believe this merger will be a net positive for tribal citizens and the larger community.

The potential impact of having one continuous rail link between the ports and Canada, United States and Mexico could provide more opportunities for tribal economies like ours and promote freer trade between all North American Nations.

The Choctaw Nation strongly believes that a partnership between Kansas City Southern and Canadian National would be highly advantageous regarding our own business operations, as well as those owned by tribal citizens. The potential benefits for Oklahoma and the Choctaw Nation businesses reaching new markets and receiving direct coast to coast service could greatly impact our citizens for the better. The agricultural trade, energy production, and raw material import that drives our economy would be well served to have a multinational rail provider.

This new corporation would be very welcomed in our tribal boundaries, and we fully endorse the approval of this merger.

Sincerely,

Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this twenty-eighth day of June, 2021, a copy of the foregoing Letter was served by email or U.S. mail on the service list for Finance Docket No. 36514.

/s/ Gary Batton

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Chief, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma