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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
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Re: FD 36514 Canadian National Railway Company, et al. – Control – Kansas City Southern, et al.

Dear Ms. Brown,

I write today to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) regarding the proposed merger between Kansas City Southern (KCS) Railway and Canadian National (CN).

Since its origin in 1887, KCS has become an integral mode of transportation that operates in ten Midwestern and Southeastern states. To date, the KCS rail network includes approximately 6,700 miles of railroad track in the United States and Mexico. KCS has a long history of being an economic driver in Missouri and serving an integral role in safely and efficiently transporting Missouri commodities and goods across multiple industries to market.

I understand that the STB is currently undergoing a comprehensive and multi-step process to review this proposed transaction between KCS and CN. I appreciate all the efforts STB has done to engage stakeholders on this issue, including soliciting public comments on this proposal. If approved by STB, the proposed merger would increase market access with new single-line hauls and create more efficient freight movements among Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Ultimately, a more efficient transportation system will mean there are more economic opportunities for businesses and consumers in Missouri and across the United States.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed merger between KCS and CN. On behalf of industries, farmers, and small businesses in Missouri that rely upon railroads to conduct their businesses, I appreciate your timely review of this proposal and your leadership on this issue.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator