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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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RE: FD 36514, Canadian National Railway Company, Grand Trunk Corporation, and CN's Rail Operating Subsidiaries—Control—Kansas City Southern, the Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Gateway Eastern Railway Company, and the Texas Mexican Railway Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia, and former Councillor and Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality. It is through these roles that I recognize and support the beneficial relationship with CN in maintaining and growing Nova Scotia's economy.

Nova Scotia is home to the Port of Halifax, where CN handles all rail-served containers imported and exported through the marine facility. Halifax is the site of a major autoport in Eastern Passage where automotive vehicles imported from overseas enter North America for distribution across the continent.

CN continues to invest millions of dollars yearly to support growing demand and enable supply chains in Nova Scotia. As one of the most efficient and environmentally friendly ways to move goods, we applaud CN Rail as a tremendous partner and their vision to reduce the environmental impact of transportation by offering sustainable transportation solutions today and into the future.

CN has proven again and again to be a responsible and dependable partner in addressing local issues such as reducing truck traffic in the Halifax downtown, environmental concerns and also being a good neighbour by providing support for community projects.

I support CN's acquisition of KCS because of the superior benefits a CN-KCS railway would bring by offering faster, safer, cleaner and more direct service for North-South trade.

I believe that a combination of CN and KCS would help their customers to win their markets. CN's strong track record of success with superior service, intermodal and safety gives us confidence that a combined CN-KCS would be best positioned to serve customers' needs. Additionally, CN's successful track record of acquisitions over the past 25+ years also provides assurance that CN will effectively and seamlessly be able to integrate and partner with KCS.

The combined company would create network with enhanced end-to-end single-owner, single-operator service which will result in a faster, safer and more economical rail option for customers where they currently rely on trucks and provide shorter distances on many key routes. We are hopeful about this transaction as a CN-KCS rail will be able to provide the seamless transportation and service that would not be available through KCS should it go forward with an alternative combination.

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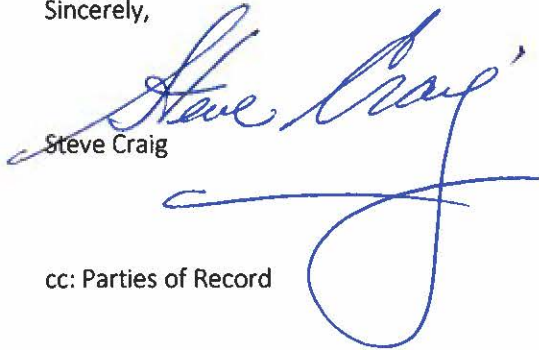
- The combined company's single-owner, single-operator service would enhance customers' ability to be competitive in the markets in which they operate, benefiting important sectors of our economy.
- CN's significant experience providing seamless intermodal service throughout their network and across borders.
- CN's strong commitment to engage with local communities and support to local stakeholders.

Finally, I am encouraged by the STB's decision to approve the voting trust for CP's proposed acquisition of KCS and urge the STB to promptly reach the same decision with respect to the identical voting trust put forward for CN's proposed acquisition of KCS. Approving their voting trust will allow KCS's shareholders to make a fair and informed decision on combining with CN.

I am confident in and strongly support CN's proposed acquisition of KCS for all the reasons as stated above.

I hope to see the premier 21st century railway come to life.

Sincerely,


Steve Craig

cc: Parties of Record