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June 30, 2021

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman  
Chairman  
U.S. Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street SW  
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Chairman Oberman:

I appreciate your leadership at the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in providing a platform for shippers, customers, and freight railroads to address the issues and opportunities they face.

United States freight railroads provide an important service to my state, reliably linking businesses, large and small, to markets around the world in a sustainable manner. Many of my constituents work at these railroads, earning good wages and committing themselves to operating these networks safely.

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company and the CN Railway have proposed combining their operations, creating new, single-line service and providing sustainable supply chain solutions. In the coming months, the STB will receive their merger application – we look forward to a fulsome review and discussion of their proposal.

In order for that to occur, I write to support the Kansas City Southern Railway and the CN Railway in their application before you to establish a Voting Trust and urge you to approve it in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



Bob Gibbs  
Member of Congress



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