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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) to urge approval of the voting trust proposed by Canadian National ("CN") with respect to the proposed merger with Kansas City Southern ("KCS"). I support its equal consideration alongside the Surface Transportation Board's ("SIB") previously approved trust arrangement for the proposed CP/KCS voting trust. Considering both voting trust proposals on a level playing field in this phase of the SIB's review is essential to ensuring a neutral and fair review process.

The proposed CN/KCS trust is identical to the trust that the SIB recently approved for a proposed CP/KCS transaction. In approving the CP's proposed voting trust, the STB determined that the trust structure meets the two criteria for approval of such trusts: (1) it would not cause unlawful, premature control, and (2) it was in the public interest, meaning the carriers were financially sound and would not suffer financial hardship in the event KCS is divested from the trust.

The CN/KCS transaction will strengthen competition by adding a stronger rail competitor in the north-south lanes in the industrial center of the country and opens markets with new single-line hauls, creating more efficient movements among Canada, the United States, and Mexico. This merger is a true end-to-end merger that preserves existing routing options and enhances competition with its new, single-line routing options for shipper

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the voting trust. It is my hope that the STB will review it fairly and approve the voting trust expeditiously.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Meijer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Meijer
Member of Congress