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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
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Dear Chairman Oberman:

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

As Governor, I write to support Canadian National (CN) and Kansas City Southern (KCS) in their application before you to establish a Voting Trust and urge you to approve it in a timely manner as STB did for the nearly identical Canadian Pacific trust application.

Freight railroads in the United States provide a critical service to Alabama, reliably linking businesses, large and small, to markets around the world in a sustainable manner. For many years, CN has been an integral part of the Port of Mobile's operations and Alabama's economy. As background, the Port plays a vital role in enhancing our great state's economic development. It supports around 150,000 jobs and generates 25.4 billion dollars economic impact, that impact would not be possible without CN and KCS's investments throughout the years.

CN and KCS have proposed combining their operations, creating new, single-line service, and providing competitive supply chain solutions. Once the CN/KCS voting trust is approved to ensure a level playing field, I support STB undertaking a thorough review of their merger application.

I ask that you give every consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Ivey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kay Ivey
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this twenty-seventh day of July, 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/ Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey
Governor of Alabama