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

I am writing to convey suggestions for improvement into the record for Docket No. FD 36503 and Docket No. FD 36504.

After multiple discussions with my constituents as well as officials from CN and Watco regarding rail service for the Northwoods economy of Wisconsin, it is my sincere hope that this merger will accomplish all the goals that have been outlined over the past few months.

Northern Wisconsin is an attractive area to start or grow a business – and dependable and cost-effective rail service is a key component of making this region more competitive in the global marketplace.

Careful research and productive meetings have given me a sense of optimism, but I'd like to add a few thoughts that could improve upon the agreement moving forward.

- Ensure access from Tony to Ladysmith
- Ensure access from Goodman to Pembine
- Insert a look back provision to ensure rate and service promises are kept

I believe with these slight additions that the overall service for shippers and businesses that depend on rail will be improved for years to come. I have said from the start that we have one chance to get this right for the next generation and I hope these measures will be considered in your decision.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Tiffany
Member of Congress