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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 36524, Savage Tooele Railroad Company – Acquisition and Operation Exemption in Tooele County, Utah

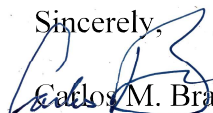
Dear Ms. Brown:

The Utah Department of Transportation is submitting this letter to the Surface Transportation Board in support of Savage Tooele's Railroad Company (STR)'s Notice of Exemption cited above. We ask the Board to act as soon as possible in favor of STR's proposed rail construction and rail service operation described in STR's Notice of Exemption filed September 2, 2021.

This shortline rail company will provide service to a new business park in Tooele County, Utah. There are several large companies considering relocating to this business park due to the rail transport opportunities that would be available. This project will be an economic benefit to both the county and the state by providing well paying jobs to this rural community. Assets like this are important to the continued revitalization of our manufacturing industry and the state's, region's and country's key supply chain reshoring initiatives.

Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,


Carlos M. Braceras, P.E.
Executive Director

I certify that I have this day served a copy of this letter upon all parties of record in this proceeding, by email.

Signed: 