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Re: Finance Docket 36524, Savage Tooele Railroad Company - Acquisition and Operation Exemption in Tooele County, Utah

Dear Ms. Brown:

The state of Utah is pleased to submit this letter to the Surface Transportation Board in support of Savage Tooele's Railroad Company (STR)'s Notice of Exemption cited above. I urge the board to act quickly in approving this application. 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.

In addition to the economic benefits, the Savage Tooele Railroad has committed to being environmentally friendly and will work collaboratively with the state to implement the use of the latest technology on the project. They will also provide all mitigation required through environmental clearance processes.

Savage Tooele Railroad understands the value of partnership with its stakeholders in the community. Coordination with the local municipalities and the Utah Department of Transportation will be ongoing in the area so as not to preclude or cause expensive impacts to other projects in the county. The understanding that public engagement is an important part of a successful project is a key that will lead to solid decision-making on final design elements.

All parties of record have been served with the letter via email including Richard F. Riley Jr. (rriley@foley.com) and Josh Romney (josh@theromneygroup.com). Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer J. Cox".

Spencer J. Cox
Governor