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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
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:

I am the President and CEO of World Trade Center Utah. We are a non-profit organization with the mandate of promoting Utah's business community abroad. Global supply chains and how they affect Utah are an important part of our remit. Accordingly, we actively support infrastructure investments that improve Utah's ability to move goods in a sustainable and efficient way. Promoting rail infrastructure in our state has been an important part of that strategy, and we are in need of significant investment in this regard.

Because of air quality challenges in our region, investments by rail are also an important part of our strategy to reduce air emissions. A report by the Association of American Railroads has found that "moving freight by rail instead of truck lowers greenhouse gas emissions by up to 75%, on average."¹ As such, we are pleased that companies like Savage are willing to make investments like the one that is the subject of Savage Tooele Railroad Company (STR)'s Notice of Exemption filed September 2, 2021. Savage is a trusted company in Utah with a long history of being an exceptional corporate citizen.

We ask that the Surface Transportation Board act as soon as possible in favor of STR's proposed rail construction and rail service operation described in STR's Notice of Exemption. Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,

Miles Hansen

cc: Parties of Record

¹ See, [The Positive Environmental Effects of Increased Freight by Rail Movements in America \(aar.org\)](https://www.aar.org/positive-environmental-effects-of-increased-freight-by-rail-movements-in-america), June 2020