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April 4, 2022

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Brown,

On behalf of the Ninth Congressional District of Tennessee, I am writing in support of Canadian National's (CN) requested condition seeking divestiture of Kansas City Southern's (KCS) line from Kansas City, MO to Springfield and East St. Louis, IL to CN, should the Canadian Pacific (CP) merger with KCS be approved by the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

CN's condition request will promote competition and enable economic opportunities for customers across the Midwest and Midsouth, including the City of Memphis. Through its commitment to invest \$250 million into the proposed divested line, CN will benefit communities and improve transit times, reducing strains on our supply chain network.

I have been proud of CN's significant investment in the Ninth Congressional District. Their Memphis Yard and intermodal terminal at the Frank C. Pidgeon Industrial Park links Memphis-based businesses to domestic and global markets. This divestiture request, as part of the CP-KCS proposed merger, will bring further opportunities for our local economy, including the automotive and intermodal sectors, by connecting our region to new domestic and international

markets. This customer- and community-centric approach to business is something we have become accustomed to from CN and is why I urge the STB to condition any approval of the CP-KCS merger on CN's requested divestiture.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

As always, I remain,

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Cohen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Cohen
Member of Congress