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Surface Transportation Board
395 East St. SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Canadian Pacific Railway Acquisition of Kansas City Southern, #FD-36500

Dear Surface Transportation Board,

The Wauwatosa Fire Department's mission is dedicated to providing the highest quality customer service. We will protect the lives and property through fire protection, emergency medical services, rescue, education, and disaster management.

As primary first responders for our community, the Wauwatosa Fire Department must be able to respond to emergencies in a timely and safe manner that fulfills our stated mission. This includes traveling through our city streets and thoroughfares without delay. If there is a doubling of increased cars on passenger or freight routes; as a result of proposed railway mergers and acquisitions, our mission capabilities will undoubtedly be reduced or impaired. In addition, a secondary consequence of increased rail traffic through our community will have the potential of increased at-grade accidents.

As the City of Wauwatosa Fire Chief, it is my duty to ensure critical response times are decreased; not increased. One component of that is to know how many additional trains are expected to be traveling through our community. Given that, I am hopeful the Surface Transportation board will continue to conduct a thorough and comprehensive review of the Canadian Pacific – Amtrak deal and how it will affect Wauwatosa's ability to fulfill its mission when responding to emergencies.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and review of first responder concerns related to increased rail traffic throughout Wisconsin that could be the result of this proposed merger.

Sincerely,

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