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SUBJECT: STB Docket No. FD36616, Savage Tooele Railroad Company -
Construction and Operation Exemption - Line of Railroad 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 operation exemption.

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.
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Dear Ms. Brown:

The state of Utah is pleased to submit this letter to the Surface Transportation Board in support of Savage Tooele Railroad Company (STR)'s Petition for Exemption in the captioned proceeding. I urge the Board to act quickly in granting the Petition. This short line rail company will provide service to a new business park in Tooele County, Utah. Large companies are considering relocating to this business park due to the rail transportation 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 key supply chain reshoring initiatives of the state, region, and the Nation as a whole.

In addition to providing the economic and logistical benefits of rail transportation, Savage Tooele Railroad has committed to being environmentally friendly. The railroad has pledged its full cooperation and participation in the environmental review of the project being conducted by the STB's Office of Environmental Analysis. It has also committed to work collaboratively with the state to explore opportunities to use the latest technology to minimize environmental impacts from construction and operation. They will 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.

A copy of this letter has been served on all parties of record in Docket No. FD 36616. Thank you for your consideration of the Petition for Exemption.

Sincerely,

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

Spencer J. Cox
Governor