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Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St. SW
Washington, D.C. 2042
Submitted via e-file

Dear Ms. Brown,

Please allow this letter to serve as my formal Notice of Intent to Participate in the merger hearing for Docket No. FD 36500. I will be delivering remarks in-person in my capacity as the Harris County Commissioner for Precinct One, which is home to over one million residents. I would like to deliver my remarks on the second day of the hearing (September 29th, 2022) and do not require more than the allotted five minutes of speaking time.

My remarks will focus on the potential outcomes of this merger for Harris County's regional transportation infrastructure with special attention to the impacts on at-grade crossings and the impact of train delays on public services, emergency response vehicles, and local commutes.

Please direct any questions regarding my appearance to Sophie Elsner (Sophie.elsner@cp1.hctx.net) and Zoe Middleton (zoe.middleton@cp1.hctx.net).

Best,

Rodney Ellis

Harris County Commissioner, Precinct One