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Re: Docket Number FD 36500
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Dear Chairman Oberman and the Surface Transportation Board,

Move Minnesota is a St. Paul, Minnesota, based non-profit that leads the movement for an equitable and sustainable transportation system that puts people first. Move Minnesota works to connect communities, end the climate crisis, expand access to jobs and resources, and improve daily life for Minnesotans of all ages, races, incomes, and abilities.

I write today to express Move Minnesota's support for U.S. Representative Betty McCollum and U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar's request that Canadian Pacific convey use or ownership rights to four under- or unused rail spurs to local public entities for use as bicycle, walking, or transit corridors. As both representatives articulated:

"Conveying idle or under-utilized corridors to public entities would be one way to help offset the harm that CP will cause by ... lost jobs [in the Twin Cities region]. Converting former railroad right-of-way to bicycle and pedestrian use is proven to generate economic development, provide greater opportunity, improve public health, and address climate change. Preserving these corridors for public use will ensure that future generations of Minnesotans will be able to benefit from these assets."

Representative McCollum's and Representative Omar's letters both referenced and included a letter jointly signed by twenty-two local and state elected representatives. That letter—which Move Minnesota supports—articulates detailed requests around four specific spurs.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to supporting the development of people-focused transportation options along under- and unused Canadian Pacific spurs in the Twin Cities.

Sincerely,



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