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The Honorable Burgess Owens
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The Honorable Blake D. Moore
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The Honorable John Curtis
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Dear Representatives Owens, Moore and Curtis,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Savage Tooele Railroad Company—Construction and Operation Exemption—Line of Railroad in Tooele County, Utah, Docket No. FD 36616. The Board appreciates hearing your views on Savage Tooele Railroad Company's ("STR") proposed rail construction and operation, and the potential benefits to the tenants of the Lakeview Business Park in Grantsville, Utah. The Board further appreciates hearing about the positive environmental impacts that could result from shifting freight transportation from truck to rail.

As you are aware, on September 29, 2023, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis ("OEA") provided a Draft Environmental Analysis ("EA") for the proposed line construction. OEA concluded that the Proposed Action would have no impacts for several environmental resource areas, including air quality, energy, land use, and historic resources. For resource areas that have the potential to be impacted, including noise and grade crossing safety and delay, OEA concluded that these impacts can be minimized with the mitigation recommended in the Draft EA. Public comments on the Draft EA were due by October 30, 2023. The Board will carefully evaluate OEA's findings and recommendations, in addition to public comments, while considering a decision on the construction.

Because this case is pending, I cannot comment further. However, please be assured that the Board will give full and fair consideration to all filings and submissions in this proceeding. A copy of your letter has been placed in the public docket. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Ms. Janie Sheng, Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Oberman
Chairman