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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Docket No. FD 36744, Canadian National Railway Company and
Grand Trunk Corporation—Control—Iowa Northern Railway
Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket is a letter in support of the Application from Mid-Iowa Cooperative.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Matthew J. Warren

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*Counsel for Canadian National Railway
Company and Grand Trunk Corporation*

Enclosure

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, on this 20th day of May, 2024, a copy of the foregoing filing was served by email or first-class mail on the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, the U.S. Attorney General c/o Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, and all parties of record on the service list for Docket No. FD 36744.

/s/ Matthew J. Warren

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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: *Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation—Control—Iowa Northern Railway Company*,
Docket No. FD 36744

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to support the acquisition of the Iowa Northern Railway Company by CN. As a long-time customer of both the CN and IANR, Mid-Iowa Cooperative brings a unique perspective. I believe that this transaction will have a positive impact on Mid-Iowa Cooperative for years to come.

Mid-Iowa Cooperative currently has a CN location at Cedar Falls, IA where we ship 25 car units of corn and an IANR location at LaPorte City, IA where we ship 25 car units of both corn and soybeans.

As a customer, it was important to understand how this transaction would impact our operations and supply chains. We have evaluated this transaction closely and see it as a net benefit to Iowa Northern Railroad customers. We look forward to the extended current single-line reach of the CN-IANR combination. We have appreciated CN's focus on reliable service, which is consistent with Iowa Northern's approach. We are particularly excited about more optionality this brings to the Iowa Northern Railroad, creating more markets for the corn and soybeans that we handle. Specifically, the ability to hit export destinations such as the gulf efficiently brings greater volume and margin potential for those on the line when those markets are strong. And our business will benefit from the more efficient single-line service available and connecting points on Iowa Northern to greater access to CN's broad network and service offerings without losing Iowa Northern's current access to other rail carriers.

For someone in my line of work, expanded single-line rail service has a significant impact on the success of our supply chains and ultimately the success of the business. At Mid-Iowa Cooperative, we rely substantially on our supply chain partners, including rail carriers, and for that reason, among many, I look forward to partnering with and utilizing CN's expanded rail service moving forward. I appreciate the certainty that CN's investment will bring to ensure that Iowa Northern so together they can continue offering safe and reliable local service to customers.

In closing, I encourage the Surface Transportation Board to approve this combination for the benefit of companies like Mid-Iowa Cooperative and those we serve.

Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,

Bruce Kempf

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