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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board, Office of Proceedings
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Green Eagle Railroad, LLC
Construction and Operation of a Line of Railroad In Maverick County, TX
Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket 36652

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to express my support for the Green Eagle Railroad, LLC's (GER) Proposed Rail Line in Maverick County, Texas to develop a safer and more efficient railroad border crossing between the U.S. and Mexico.

The Proposed Line is a small but important element of the proposed Puerto Verde Global Trade Bridge corridor because it will connect the new trade corridor to the U.S. rail system. As explained in the Texas DOT, Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan, the current railroad Port of Entry at Eagle Pass is heavily utilized, and its use is only expected to increase.

The rail crossing at Eagle Pass, like all the Texas/Mexico rail crossings lacks the infrastructure to support future international trade. Failure to improve fluidity at the Eagle Pass rail crossing threatens to hinder trade with Mexico – a leading trade partner to the United States.

Further, the current rail line crossing into Mexico at Eagle Pass traverses through the City of Eagle Pass and its nine at-grade rail crossings. The Proposed Line would bypass these at-grade crossings improving safety and the local transportation network. I urge the Board to give timely consideration to the GER's Proposed Line. Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

Tony Gonzales
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