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Surface Transportation Board [395 E St, SW Washington, DC 20423](#)**RE: Opposition to Union Pacific's Proposed Lease of Eugene Yard to CORP**

Honorable Mr. Fuchs and Esteemed Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

My name is Robin Horton, and I am a wife, sister and sister-in-law to current TE&Y employees. I am reaching out to you under duress considering the current state of the Eugene yard in the Brooklyn subdivision of the Portland hub and further.

I have been a railway wife for 19 years and have watched my family sacrifice blood sweat and tears to this "corporation". In the beginning I was proud to say my family is a part of the railroad community. Over the years the pride has been less and less.

I have had personal struggles sacrificing the life that we dreamed over the life that the railroad has dictated thinking that it would be worth it as time went on. 19 years later after missed weeks with my husband and brother as they left to chase their seniority during the AWTS days, missed holidays and important moments in our lives that my family missed as a complete whole due to the importance of standing by their brothers and sisters and supporting the company that promised them a career that they could be proud of was all for nothing.

The shock that I had when my family told me that after 19 years, we would be back to AWTS days, chasing seniority and not being together for even more life moments that can never be gotten back was no less than a devastating blow.

I have watched my family be dragged through all the different expectations, rule changes, inconsistencies.

They have been trained to operate with higher expectations, they have been trained to be safer than I assume is most railway companies and yet one of the biggest rail companies chooses to hand the safety of the general population over to a company with a poor reputation. Although my family hired out under lies and false dreams, I am proud that they have held fast and strong through the best and worst of times.

In this particular instance, I am the fly on the wall listening to fears. Fears of losing a job that has become their lives, fears of starting over after years, fears of the safety of our towns and communities due to the lack of knowledge that the company taking over the industries has. Regardless of struggles, of all the railroaders I have had the privilege to meet, the biggest thing that I see is that they all care, they all want overall safety.

Safety for themselves, their fellow brothers and sisters and above all the safety of our towns and communities. Any unfortunate tragedy that has occurred that I have been aware of has always been accompanied by tears. The fear of a company that has been known to cut corners and will undoubtedly do less to protect our towns and communities is suffocating.

In conclusion, these Union Pacific workers undoubtedly know their jobs and they know what The Corp is absolutely incapable of doing.

Regards,

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