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Andrea Poole  
Surface Transportation Board  
Environmental Filing, Docket No. FD 36616  
395 E. Street SW  
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Poole:

We are writing to express our support for the Savage Tooele Railroad (STR) and its proposed rail line to serve tenants of the Lakeview Business Park (LBP) in Grantsville, Utah. We support the Office of Environmental Analysis making a recommendation to the Surface Transportation Board based on the merits of the project and findings of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA).

The Draft EA concludes that the STR would have no impacts for several environmental resource areas, including air quality, energy, land use, zoning, and local plans, and historic resources. (p. S-3). Given the findings of the Draft EA, it appears clear that the proposed STR would not pose significant environmental risks and that any potential risks can be effectively mitigated.

Implementation of the STR will result in benefits consistent with state and federal objectives concerning more environmentally sustainable movement of freight by shifting the mode of transportation from truck to rail. Rail connectivity into the LBP provides businesses the ability to transport products and materials via rail, which more than doubles the fuel efficiency of transporting cargo via truck. In addition to the benefits to road safety and regional traffic conditions, the anticipated air quality benefits of reducing the number of trucks on the road is significant, particularly in light of the serious air quality challenges Utah faces.

Re-establishing six miles of previously abandoned rail infrastructure will provide modal choice for tenants of the Lakeview Business Park (LBP) and will contribute to the business park's investment attraction, leading to employment creation and bolstering the economic vitality of the rapidly growing region. Currently there is insufficient rail infrastructure in Tooele County to accommodate the demands of a rising population for manufacturing, distribution, and warehousing facilities. The STR will aid in meeting these needs.



We are passionate about the STR's primary goal of providing safe, efficient, and environmentally sustainable movement of freight, and the distinct economic development opportunities it provides to the region. We respectfully request your full and fair consideration of the STR's application and merit based recommendation to the Surface Transportation Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Freedman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jonathan Freedman  
President & CEO