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May 1, 2023

Ms. Danielle Gosselin, Director
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

SUBJECT: STB Docket No. FD 36616, Savage Tooele Railroad Company -
Construction and Operation Exemption - Line of Railroad in Tooele
County, Utah

The purpose of this letter is to express UDOT's support for the Savage Tooele Railroad Company's ("STR") proposal to install at-grade railroad crossings where the former Union Pacific Railroad crossed Highway 138 and Erda Way, in Tooele County, UT. As your office is aware, the STR, a subsidiary of Savage Companies, has filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") requesting that STR be granted the authority to construct and operate a Class III shortline that will bring freight rail service to the Lakeview Business Park in Grantsville, Utah.

UDOT met with STR, Tooele County, and Grantsville on April 5, 2023 to discuss the ramifications of the potential crossing. At that meeting, STR presented their anticipated operations. Those operations indicated a maximum of 35 rail cars per train and 2 trains per day. STR stated that this would create an interruption to SR-138 of about 2 minutes for each train, with trains never stopping on the crossing. Further, their hours of operations would be outside of the morning and afternoon peak hours. Although this level of delay is serviceable for today's conditions, UDOT believes grade-separation at this location will be safer and necessary in the future. STR has volunteered.

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STR has also proposed to establish "quiet crossings" across both Highway 138 and Erda Way. By design, "quiet crossings" entail the installation of certain safety

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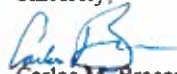
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equipment that result in railroad operators being relieved of the requirement of sounding whistles or ringing bells, except in the case of an emergency. Quiet crossings at these locations will reduce noise levels for residents that live near them.

UDOT is committed to work with STR, Tooele County, the City of Grantsville, the City of Tooele and the City of Erda to address concerns that arise resulting from STR's new railroad operations. Through these relationships, UDOT believes any future issues can be resolved in a mutually beneficial manner. UDOT supports the addition of this crossing. Safety is a top priority, and we appreciate you bringing your concerns to our attention. We pledge our efforts to continue to work closely with Kaysville City as WDC moves forward. Thank you again for your interest and desire to help us build the best transportation infrastructure possible.

Sincerely,



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