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The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs
Chairman
United States Surface Transportation Board
Environmental Filing, Docket No. FD 36854
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423](1)

RE: Support for Union Pacific Railroad Company Construction and Operation Exemption -- Rail Connection to LyondellBasell Plant in Matagorda County, TX FD 36854

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

The State of Texas, the Gulf Coast region, Matagorda County and Bay City community continue to experience increasing demand for goods movement. Union Pacific Railroad is striving to meet the needs of the region with plans to build approximately 5 miles of rail infrastructure in Matagorda County, Texas.

The Union Pacific rail project will connect to LyondellBasell's Matagorda plant, which represents a significant contributor to the local economy in southeast Texas. The plant produces high density polyethylene used to make a variety of consumer products, including housewares, building materials, automotive parts and packaging for food and personal care items. LyondellBasell's Matagorda site is one of the company's largest polyolefin facilities in the United States.

The new rail infrastructure will strengthen the region's economic positioning and make it more attractive for future investments that further support the community, local economy and our neighbors long term.

The City of Bay City supports Union Pacific Railroad's proposed rail connection to the LyondellBasell plant and all the benefits it will provide to our growing region.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Nelson
Mayor
City of Bay City