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Dear Ms. Poole,

I hope this message finds you well.

On behalf of the Eagle Pass Border Coalition and the Western Maverick County Committee, I am writing to inform you that our organizations will be hiring an independent environmental expert to conduct a detailed review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Puerto Verde Rail Project (STB Docket No. FD 36652).

Given the scale and potential impacts of this project on our region, we believe it is essential that the DEIS undergo rigorous, science-based evaluation from the perspective of local environmental, cultural, and public health concerns. Our expert witness will prepare formal findings, and we anticipate submitting their analysis as part of the public record.
We respectfully request your guidance on the following:

1. Will the findings of our expert witness be accepted and considered as part of the official administrative record?

2. Will these findings carry the same weight as those submitted by governmental agencies or consultants hired by the applicant or regulatory bodies?

3. Are there any specific formatting or procedural requirements we should follow to ensure our submission is fully incorporated into the STB's review process?

We appreciate your time and look forward to your direction on how best to ensure our expert's contribution is properly received and considered. Please let us know if there is a preferred point of contact or if any additional documentation is required in advance.
Thank you again for your assistance.

Best regards,

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