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The Honorable Glenn Youngkin
Governor
Commonwealth of Virginia
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor Youngkin,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the application filed by Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (collectively, “NS”) to control Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company (“NPBL”) in Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Acquisition of Control—Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company, Docket No. FD 36836. We appreciate hearing your views about the potential competitive effects of such a control transaction, including effects on the Port of Virginia at Norfolk International Terminals (NIT) and the ways in which ensuring dual access to on-dock rail at NIT furthers competition, increases flexibility and efficiency, and benefits the public.

In a decision issued on July 10, 2025, the Board accepted NS’s supplemented application and issued a procedural schedule. The case is now in the evidentiary phase, and discovery is ongoing. Because this case is pending, we cannot comment further at this time; however, please know the Board will fully consider all evidence and argument submitted in this proceeding regarding the potential effects of the proposed transaction.

A copy of your letter and this reply have been placed in the docket on the Board’s website. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Ms. Janie Sheng, Director of the Board’s Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Fuchs
Chairman

Michelle A. Schultz
Vice Chairman

Karen J. Hedlund
Member