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The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Subject: Support for Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Merger

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

As a community leader in Omaha, Nebraska, reliable rail service is essential for our local economy, businesses and residents. The proposed Union Pacific–Norfolk Southern merger offers an opportunity to strengthen these connections and deliver long-term benefits.

The merger promises faster, more dependable service, reduced congestion and expanded market reach for our businesses. It also means continued investment in rail infrastructure – enhancing safety, creating jobs and ensuring our community remains competitive in a growing economy.

On behalf of the Platte Institute and myself personally, I respectfully urge the Surface Transportation Board to approve this merger so we can take advantage of the efficiencies, investments and opportunities it will bring - connecting our communities regionally, nationally and across the globe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Vokal".

Jim Vokal
Chief Executive Officer

cc: All parties of record