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Office of the Mayor
City of Springfield, Illinois
Misty Buscher
Mayor

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

Re: Support for Proposed Union Pacific–Norfolk Southern Merger

Dear Chairman Fuchs,

On behalf of the Capitol City of Springfield, Illinois, I am writing to express strong support for the proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern. This merger represents a forward-looking and essential opportunity for our local economy, residents and businesses to further strengthen these connections and deliver long-term benefits.

By combining the resources, expertise, and reach of two historic carriers, the merged company will be essential to the prosperity of our communities.

This merger promises to deliver more dependable rail service, reduce congestion, and expand market access for our local communities. It will also encourage continued investment in rail infrastructure by enhancing safety, supporting job creation, and ensuring our community remains competitive in a growing economy. Ultimately, it will help build a resilient, innovative, and globally connected transportation system that serves the public interest well into the future.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Surface Transportation Board to approve the proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Misty Buscher
City of Springfield