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Chief of Case Administration
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395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: STB Docket No. FD 36836, Norfolk Southern Corporation & Norfolk
Southern Railway Company—Acquisition of Control—Norfolk &
Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company**

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

Enclosed please find letters in regard to the application filed by Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company in the above-referenced proceeding from the following parties:

- Marilyn Olds, President, Richmond Tenant Organization and Former Commissioner, Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority
- Mieke Timmons, Vice President, Intergenerational Independent Women of Color and Former Executive Director, Community of Caring

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Peter W. Denton

Peter W. Denton
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Enclosures

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. FD 36836: Norfolk Southern's Application to Control NPBL

Dear Ms. Brown,

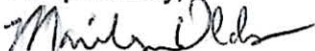
I'm writing as a lifelong Richmond resident and housing advocate who believes that when taxpayers pay for something, the public should see the benefit. The Port of Virginia was built with public money to create opportunity for everyone, not just for one corporation to control.

Too often, people in communities like mine feel the effects of decisions made far away. When competition is blocked, it doesn't just hurt big business; it shows up in higher prices for groceries, building materials, and household goods. Working families, seniors, and renters end up paying the difference. That's not right.

The Port is a public asset, and it should work the way public things are meant to work: fairly, openly, and for the good of all Virginians. I urge the Board to deny Norfolk Southern's request and make sure this port continues to serve people, not power.

Thank you for listening to an ordinary voice from Richmond.

Respectfully,



Marilyn Olds

President, Richmond Tenant Organization
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Ms. Brown,

In my work with Intergenerational Independent Women of Color and Community of Caring, I have spent years helping women and families across Virginia build pathways to stability and success. Whether it's health, housing, or education, real progress always comes down to one principle: when public resources are shared fairly, entire communities rise.

The Port of Virginia is one of the Commonwealth's most powerful public resources, built through state investment and meant to strengthen opportunity for all Virginians. But when one company seeks to control access to it, that balance is lost. Norfolk Southern's attempt to take over the Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad would give a private interest power over a publicly supported gateway that belongs to all of us.

The consequences reach far beyond Hampton Roads. When competition is stifled, the costs of commerce rise, hitting small businesses, single parents, and working families hardest. Fair access means a fair economy: more jobs, lower costs, and broader opportunity that reaches from Richmond to Roanoke to the Tidewater.

As women, as citizens, and as stewards of the next generation's future, we have a responsibility to demand accountability for how our public infrastructure is used. I request that the Surface Transportation Board to reject Norfolk Southern's application and uphold the fairness and integrity that keep Virginia moving forward.

Sincerely,

Mieko M. Timmons

Mieko Timmons
Vice President, Intergenerational Independent Women of Color
Former Executive Director, Community of Caring
Richmond, Virginia

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused this Letter in Docket No. FD 36836 to be served electronically or by first class mail, postage pre-paid, on the Secretary of Transportation, the Attorney General of the United States, Administrative Law Judge Jenifer Soulikias, Applicants' representative, William Mullins, and all parties of record in this proceeding.

/s/ Jensen Matsuda

Jensen Matsuda
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

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