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Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Chief Counsel
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Proposed UP-NS Merger, Docket No. FD 36873

To Whom It May Concern:

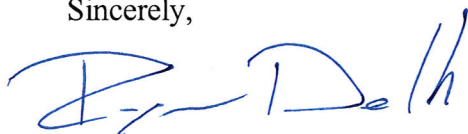
As the Safety/Service Director for the City of Greenville, I oversee public safety operations and infrastructure coordination. Freight rail plays a vital role in both—supporting emergency logistics, industrial transport, and the safe movement of goods through our community.

The proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern raises serious safety concerns. Reduced competition often leads to slower response times, longer blockages at crossings, and less investment in maintenance and communication systems. These challenges directly impact first responders and increase risks to residents and motorists.

Our police, fire, and EMS teams depend on reliable coordination with rail operators to respond quickly and protect lives. Any merger of this scale must include strong safety safeguards, clear emergency communication protocols, and sustained infrastructure investment.

I urge the Surface Transportation Board to ensure that public safety remains a top priority throughout this review. Rail efficiency cannot come at the expense of local safety and community readiness.

Sincerely,



Safety/Service Director
City of Greenville, Ohio

Cc: Parties of Record
United States Department of Justice