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

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Subject: Support for Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Merger

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern. Freight rail plays a vital role in our state's economy, moving the goods that sustain our industries, support our farmers, and connect our communities to markets nationwide and globally. Union Pacific has long been a dependable transportation partner, providing efficient and cost-effective service to businesses of all sizes.

The proposed merger offers a unique opportunity to build on this strength and deliver meaningful benefits. By creating a more seamless rail network, the merger would improve reliability, reduce delays, open new market access, and support continued investment in infrastructure and safety. Together, these improvements would strengthen supply chains, enhance competitiveness, and provide lasting value for shippers, consumers, and communities alike.

This merger is about more than railroads—it is about ensuring a stronger, more resilient transportation network for the future, supporting economic growth, and maintaining America's leadership in freight rail. I respectfully urge the Surface Transportation Board to give full and favorable consideration to this proposal, recognizing the benefits it will bring to our state and to the national economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert Clements'.

Robert Clements
Nebraska State Senator
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cc: Member Schultz
Member Hedlund