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November 12, 2025

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

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed merger between the Union Pacific (UP) and Norfolk Southern (NS) railroad companies. Union Pacific's ongoing investment strategies have demonstrably strengthened the economic vitality of this district and state, underscoring the critical role a reliable railway system plays for communities throughout Arkansas and the country.

Throughout my years in public service, I understand the importance of operating and maintaining resilient transportation systems—from trucking to freight rail—and how this keeps Arkansas competitive and our local businesses thriving. My work in education and workforce development has shown me the importance of connecting students to sustainable career pathways. UP has long been a partner in creating those opportunities, helping Arkansans gain the skills and environment they need to succeed.

Approving this merger will not only strengthen the existing railway network but also signal that Arkansas is prepared for the future—ready to adapt to today's supply chain realities, attract new industries, and invest in the next generation of workers. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I respectfully ask you to give the Union Pacific–Norfolk Southern merger every consideration. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane English".

Jane English
State Senator
District 13

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