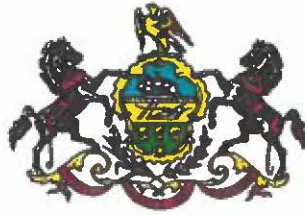


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October 7, 2025

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

RE: Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Proposed Merger, Docket No. FD 36873

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

I represent Pennsylvania's 30th legislative district, which has a rich history of building, innovating and supplying locomotives and railroad infrastructure.

The proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern is commendable – only if the acquisition sustains the local skilled workforce, including the 400+ women and men employed at Norfolk Southern's Juniata Locomotive Complex in Logan Township, Blair County. Any disruption to this network of dedicated employees and shops will threaten the public interest and upend our local economy.

In addition to my concerns for the local workforce of Norfolk Southern's Juniata Locomotive Complex (and beyond), I want to apprise you of Amtrak's second passenger train between Pittsburgh-Altoona-Harrisburg on Norfolk Southern's system planned for late 2026. The proposed coast-to-coast railroad merger espouses benefits for freight movement, as well as intercity passenger rail expansion. Therefore, the proposed merger must dually protect the public interest, including the local workforce and intercity passenger rail service in this Commonwealth.

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In closing, I respectfully urge a transparent evaluation on the proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern. I stand ready to testify at any future public hearing held by the Surface Transportation Board, as State Senator on behalf of the 30th legislative district and as Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Ward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Judy" and the last name "Ward" clearly distinguishable.

Senator Judy Ward
30th Senatorial District

cc: U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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Michael Rosenthal, Union Pacific's representative
Raymond Atkins, Norfolk Southern's representative
Honorable Jenifer Soulikias (via email)