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

RE: Support for Union Pacific Merger — Docket No. FD 36873

Dear Chair Fuchs:

As Mayor of the Town of Winter Park, I am writing to express Winter Park's support for the proposed merger between Union Pacific (UP) and Norfolk Southern (NS). Union Pacific has been a reliable partner for our community and the broader Colorado mountain corridor, and we believe this merger has the potential to strengthen rail service in our region.

Winter Park recognizes the important role that freight rail plays in Colorado's economy and transportation network. As a mountain community, we understand the value of reducing truck traffic on our highways, particularly during peak tourism seasons and challenging winter conditions. Rail transportation offers a sustainable alternative that helps ease congestion on Interstate 70 and other critical corridors while reducing emissions.

Like many communities along Colorado's Front Range and mountain regions, Winter Park has an interest in exploring passenger rail opportunities that could connect our community to the broader Denver metro area and beyond. We believe that a stronger, more integrated national rail network can benefit both freight and passenger service development in Colorado.

Union Pacific has demonstrated a commitment to working collaboratively with Colorado communities. Through this proposed merger, we see potential for operational efficiencies that could benefit shippers, support economic development, and maintain the competitiveness of America's rail infrastructure. We trust that UP and NS will address stakeholder concerns thoughtfully as this process moves forward.

We respectfully ask the Surface Transportation Board to give fair consideration to this proposal and its potential benefits for communities like Winter Park and the broader Colorado region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Kutrumbos".

Nick Kutrumbos, Mayor
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