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Chief of Case Administration
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395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **STB Docket No. FD 36836, Norfolk Southern Corporation & Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Acquisition of Control—Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company**

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

Enclosed please find letters in regard to the application filed by Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company in the above-referenced proceeding from the following parties:

- Delegate Nadarius Clark, Virginia House of Delegates
- William F. McGee, President, Richmond Chapter, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- Charles D. Willis, Executive Director, United Communities Against Crime

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Peter W. Denton

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Enclosures

October 23, 2025

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. FD 36836 – Norfolk Southern’s Application to Control NPBL

Dear Ms. Brown,

As a member of the Virginia General Assembly, and specifically as a member of the Hampton Roads delegation, I have seen how the Port of Virginia fuels our region’s economy, creating good-paying jobs, strengthening local businesses, and connecting our communities to opportunity. That continued success depends on a fair and competitive rail network that serves the best interests of Virginians and supports balanced growth across our region.

The Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line plays an important role in ensuring efficient rail access to the Port. As the Surface Transportation Board reviews the proposed change in ownership, I encourage careful consideration of how this decision will affect competition, freight movement, and community impact. Allowing both CSX and Norfolk Southern to have comparable access to Norfolk International Terminals would ensure that the Port continues to benefit from healthy competition and reliable service, key ingredients for long-term economic growth and regional sustainability.

It is vital that any future structure promotes efficiency, fairness, and shared prosperity while helping reduce truck congestion, protect air quality, and maintain safe roadways for our residents. My hope is for a solution that keeps Hampton Roads moving forward, one that strengthens the Port of Virginia, supports both rail providers, and advances our shared goals of economic opportunity and environmental stewardship.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nadarius Clark", written in a cursive style.

Delegate Nadarius Clark
Virginia House of Delegates

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Founded January 10, 1957, by Dr. Martin L. King Jr. and 60 Anointed Social Justice Advocates



Date: December 11th, 2025

Dear Ms. Brown,

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference was founded in 1957, by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and 60 civil rights leaders and social justice advocates, to advance justice and fairness through moral courage and nonviolent advocacy. In that spirit, I write to urge the Board to deny Norfolk Southern's application to control the Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad.

This issue not about business competition: it is about economic justice. The Port of Virginia was built through public investment and should serve the people who paid for it. When one company monopolizes access, small businesses, workers, and consumers pay the price.

True freedom includes economic freedom: the right to compete on a level playing field. Communities across Virginia would be disadvantaged by one company controlling such a large center of economic activity.

The Board has the opportunity to stand for fairness and ensure this public port continues to benefit all Virginians, not just the powerful.

In solidarity,

William F. McGee - President
Richmond Chapter, Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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Dear Ms. Brown,

In my work leading United Communities Against Crime, I've learned that strong communities are built on fairness, opportunity, and accountability. The same principles that prevent crime also strengthen economies: people trust systems that are open and just.

Allowing Norfolk Southern to take control of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad would move us in the wrong direction. Monopoly breeds resentment and imbalance. Fair competition, on the other hand, creates jobs, builds trust, and helps reduce the inequality that drives social instability.

When public investments are managed fairly, everyone wins, from the business owner to the child walking to school. I urge the Board to deny this application and keep Virginia's infrastructure accountable to the people it serves.

Sincerely,

Charles Willis

"Changing One Community at a Time"

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused this Letter in Docket No. FD 36836 to be served electronically or by first class mail, postage pre-paid, on the Secretary of Transportation, the Attorney General of the United States, Administrative Law Judge Jenifer Soulikias, Applicants' representative, William Mullins, and all parties of record in this proceeding.

/s/ Jensen Matsuda

Jensen Matsuda
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

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