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

Dear Chairman Fuchs,

As Governor of the great State of Nebraska, I write to express my strong support for the proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern that will create America's first transcontinental railroad connecting 50,000 miles of rail across 43 states.

My state is honored to be the hub of the transcontinental vision Abraham Lincoln set before our country during his Presidency. Founded in 1862 as part of the Pacific Railway Act, Union Pacific has made Nebraska home for 160 years – first laying tracks in Omaha in 1865. Since those early days, freight rail transportation has become a cornerstone of our country.

None of this success would have been possible without the generations of steadfast leadership. I commend Union Pacific CEO Jim Vena and his team of leaders for their foresight and commitment to Nebraska and America. This merger is a win-win – benefitting the people of my state and building an incredible freight rail network across the United States.

In Nebraska, our workforce is second to none. This will open the door to an immense amount of growth. It will support the local economy and provide more efficient transportation of our agricultural and manufacturing goods. Nationwide, this system will increase access to domestic markets and ports and foster new development, while improving service reliability and reducing transit times.

This is about more than just railroads – it impacts every part of life in America: securing the future of our transportation network, spurring on growth, and ensuring that we compete globally.

I respectfully request the Surface Transportation Board to give full and favorable consideration to this proposal, recognizing the benefits it will bring to my extraordinary state and our great country.

Sincerely,



Jim Pillen
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