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October 7, 2025

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

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

Living in South Arkansas, I truly understand how essential infrastructure is for our rural communities. It is not something to take for granted. In towns across my district, families and businesses rely on dependable transportation to bring agricultural products to market, attract new industries, and create good-paying jobs.

Education, civic engagement, and community development are my priorities, and our state depends on them. My work in the legislature has focused on supporting those who often do not have their voices heard. However, policies only succeed if the necessary infrastructure is in place to make things possible. Union Pacific knows that, and their merger with Norfolk Southern would benefit our community by expanding on the infrastructure that makes things possible in my backyard and across the country.

Union Pacific has long been a trusted partner in our state, investing in jobs and infrastructure. Norfolk Southern's reliable track record truly speaks for itself, making it a wonderful addition. When their merger happens, it would benefit supply chains, ease bottlenecks, and give rural Arkansas a better chance to shine on a bigger stage.

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This merger is about more than efficiency—it is about creating opportunities for our communities to grow and thrive. With improved freight service, we can support existing employers and attract new ones, ensuring a stronger future for families in South Arkansas.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge approval of the Union Pacific–Norfolk Southern merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dolly Henley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dolly" being more prominent than the last name "Henley".

Dolly Henley
State Representative
District 88

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