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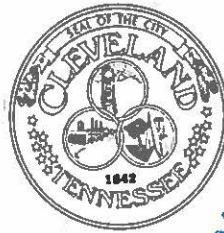
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Kevin Brooks
Mayor

October 24, 2025

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

Subject: Support for Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Merger

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

As a community leader in the City of Cleveland, reliable rail service is essential for our local economy, businesses and residents. The proposed Union Pacific-Norfolk Southern merger offers an opportunity to strengthen these connections and deliver long-term benefits.

The merger promises faster, more dependable service, reduced congestion and expanded market reach for our businesses. It also means continued investment in rail infrastructure – enhancing safety, creating jobs and ensuring our community remains competitive in a growing economy.

On behalf of the City of Cleveland, I respectfully urge the Surface Transportation Board to approve this merger so we can take advantage of the efficiencies, investments and opportunities it will bring - connecting our communities regionally, nationally and across the globe.

Sincerely,

Kevin Brooks
Mayor

cc: Member Schultz
Member Hedlund