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The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

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Dear Chairman Fuchs:

Rail has always been an integral part of Texarkana's identity, and it continues to play a crucial role in connecting our businesses and communities with the rest of the country. Having served Texarkana and southwest Arkansas for many years, I recognize that our region thrives when we have infrastructure that supports business owners.

The proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern aligns perfectly with these objectives. It would offer more reliable service, increased capacity, and new opportunities for employers in southwest Arkansas.

Texarkana is located at a vital crossroads, and I have worked in the legislature on measures to enhance interstate commerce and improve Arkansas's transportation networks. I understand that our community's economic growth depends on these improvements. Better rail access can significantly contribute to reaching these goals.

This merger will enable small businesses, farmers, and manufacturers to compete more effectively while also making our region more appealing to new industries searching for reliable logistics. It is not about consolidation for its own sake; it is about building the infrastructure that supports jobs, strengthens supply chains, and allows Arkansas families to thrive.

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

Sincerely,

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