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

Dear Ms. Brown,

As Clerk of Court for the City of Richmond, I’ve seen the importance of fairness and transparency in maintaining public trust. These values are not limited to the courtroom; they apply to every arena where public assets are at stake.

The Port of Virginia, funded and maintained with taxpayer dollars, must remain open and accountable. Norfolk Southern’s attempt to consolidate control over the Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad would erode that accountability, limiting competition and concentrating power in private hands.

Public infrastructure must serve the public interest. I urge the Surface Transportation Board to deny this application and reaffirm the principle that fairness and transparency are nonnegotiable foundations of good governance.

Sincerely,

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