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The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
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Dear Chairman Fuchs:

I write in support of the proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern.

This merger represents a generational opportunity to strengthen our national economy. It will unlock more than \$5 billion in annual investment in safer, more resilient infrastructure, creating jobs and driving long-term economic growth. These improvements will not only modernize our rail system but also enhance safety and reliability across the board.

For working families, small businesses, and industries across Pennsylvania, from agriculture and energy to manufacturing and logistics, this merger means more efficient transportation, lower shipping costs, and greater access to national and global markets. A more unified and technologically advanced rail network will reduce supply chain bottlenecks, helping to lower prices and improve competitiveness for American-made goods.

Transportation is more than a system of tracks and trains — it's a backbone of economic opportunity. This merger will help ensure that backbone is strong, safe, and built for the future.

I respectfully urge the Board to give full and favorable consideration to this proposal, recognizing the broad economic benefits it will deliver to Pennsylvanians and to Americans across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Rothman".

Greg Rothman
State Senator
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cc: Member Schultz
Member Hedlund