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Surface Transportation Board

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RE: Docket FD 36873, Support for the Proposed Union Pacific–Norfolk Southern Merger

Members of the Board:

I serve as SMART Transportation Division's State Safety and Legislative Director for Indiana, representing over 1200 Conductors, Engineers and Remote Control Operators, and roughly 400 for Norfolk Southern alone. I support approval of the proposed Union Pacific–Norfolk Southern merger. My 22 years of railroad experience as a conductor and engineer and RCO have given me the perspective to make this endorsement with confidence.

Connecting UP's western network with NS's eastern network offers an opportunity to reduce interchange delays and give shippers faster, seamless service. That kind of service will also attract freight now moving by truck on our highways. Indiana is the crossroads of America, both from a highway perspective and from a rail point of view. From my perspective, this merger will economically benefit the people of Indiana as well as its railroaders.

Moving freight from highways to rail is also a safety benefit for the national transportation network. Every shipment that shifts to a train means fewer heavy trucks on crowded roads and highways. Indiana's highways are inundated with heavy trucks.

I ask the Board to approve the proposed merger with appropriate safeguards and oversight addressing safety, service reliability, shipper access, and community impacts. Approval of this merger, along with the SMART-TD agreement that accompanies it, will deliver a railroad that serves shippers faster and more reliably while keeping trained railroaders on our locomotives.

In Solidarity,

Andrew McKeeman

I certify that I have this day served copies of this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding, by email to those parties who have accepted email service and by first-class mail to all others, consistent with 49 C.F.R. § 1104.12(a).

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