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Re: Finance Docket No. 36873 | Opposition to the Union Pacific (UP) – Norfolk Southern (NS) merger

Dear Chairman Fuchs,

I am writing to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) as the fourth district alderman to express my opposition to the Union Pacific (UP) -Norfolk Southern (NS) merger. I am opposed for two primary reasons.

First, I fear that, should this merger take place, the subsequent entity created will become even less responsive than it currently is. I have seen, time and time again, that Union Pacific has been unresponsive when we in city government have needed their cooperation and coordination. I have personally witnessed their lack of response around various local and regional rail projects and projects that intersect with rail right-of-way and infrastructure, and I found many UP representatives to be unapproachable and unavailable.

Second, I have concerns that our efforts to advance passenger rail for the area will not be supported by such a merger. I currently serve on the Milwaukee Area-Racine-Kenosha (MARK) Rail Commission, a critical project that will help expand rail options in southeastern Wisconsin and that would use UP rail lines between Milwaukee and Chicago.

Please reject this merger, as it would produce an even larger corporate entity with no accountability to the people.

Sincerely,

Robert Bauman
Alderman, 4th District

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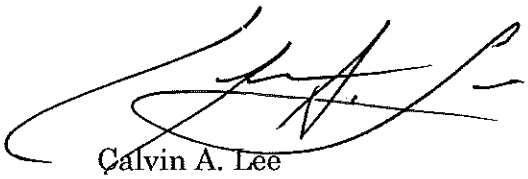
I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing correspondence has been electronically filed with the Surface Transportation Board and served on all parties of record in this proceeding by electronic mail on this 18th Day of November 2026.



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