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Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Chief Counsel
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Proposed UP-NS Merger, Docket No. FD 36873

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Dear Office of Chief Counsel,

My family has been farming in Henry County, Alabama, for generations. We still raise cattle on the same family farm I grew up on, and like a lot of farmers, we depend on freight rail to move the goods we need and to get our crops to market. Reliable and affordable rail service is a big part of how we stay competitive.

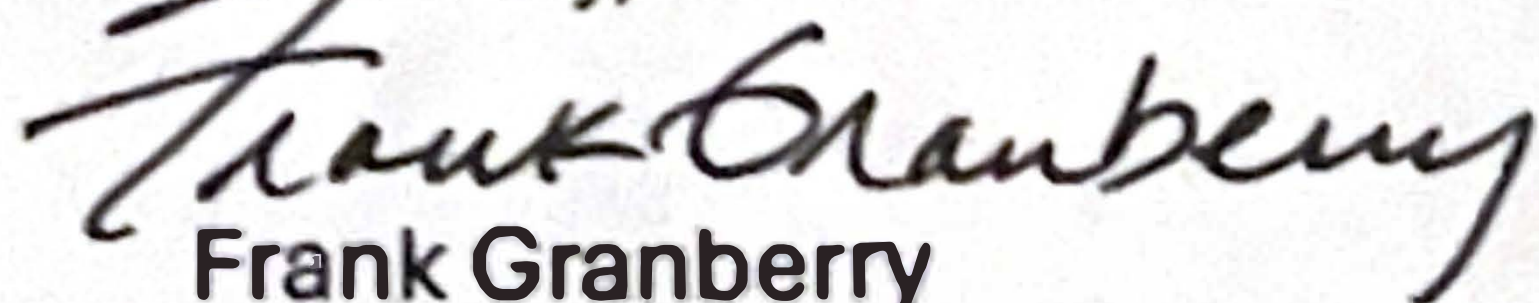
When rail service struggles — whether it's higher rates, fewer options, or poorly planned mergers — it doesn't just hurt farmers. It sends shockwaves through the entire supply chain. For folks like us, those changes can mean the difference between a good year and shutting the gates on a farm that's supported our family and our community for decades.

That's why I'm very concerned about the recently announced merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern. These are two of the largest rail companies in the country, and if this deal goes through, it would leave even fewer options for shippers like us. Agriculture already operates on tight margins — we simply can't afford higher costs or less competition in an industry that's already so concentrated.

I hope you'll keep farmers and ranchers in mind when this merger comes up for review. Agriculture depends on a fair, competitive rail system, and we need your help to make sure it stays that way.

Thank you for your time and for all you do to support Alabama's farmers.

Sincerely,



Frank Granberry
Granberry Farms

Cc: Parties of Record
United States Department of Justice
United States Department of Agriculture