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Director Lucille Marvin
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Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Director Marvin:

We are writing to urge the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to conduct an efficient and expeditious review of the documents and comments received pertaining to FD 36177 and FD 36178. We urge the Board to rule on the issues presented as soon as practical.

As you know, this corridor is home to a planned light rail transit project that will serve the residents throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area. It is our understanding and full expectation that upon the property acquisition of the Bass Lake Spur and Kenilworth Corridor, shippers and agricultural producers will continue to enjoy safe, reliable, and efficient freight rail service during construction and future operation of the light rail transit project. Southwest Light Rail Transit will provide critical access to over 200,000 jobs between Downtown Minneapolis and the southwest suburbs for over 34,000 daily riders. We recognize that agricultural commodities are an essential part of the Minnesota economy and are confident that these products will continue to reach their destination smoothly and without delay.

We would like thank you for your attention to this important matter and we urge prompt consideration of the arguments presented.

Sincerely,


Keith Ellison
Member of Congress