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Mr. Wayland,

Sometimes I wonder if the plea from a regular citizen really matters. Most of my family is employed in the energy industry. We have had a good life in the Uintah Basin and you couldn't find a better place to live. The people work hard and are willing to help those less fortunate in their community. The generosity of the residents and businesses is almost unequaled in most rural communities.

We really don't ask for much which is why my sincere plea for your positive outcome for the Uinta Rail Project is so important. The rail is something we have waited decades to attempt. Leaders have waited for the stars to align you might say which has been no easy task. We finally have many things coming together. We need the STB Board to endorse the Indian Canyon route and allow us to get started right away.

We have a window of opportunity that will not be available again for our region. Your time and consideration is deeply appreciated..

Warm regards,

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