

Congress of the United States

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

EI-26767

September 30, 2019

Mr. Joshua Wayland
Surface Transportation Board
C/O 9300 Lee Highway
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

ATTN: Environmental Filing Docket No. FD 36284

Dear Mr. Wayland,

As you know, the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) recently initiated an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the Uinta Basin Railway project. We would like to encourage the Surface Transportation Board to fairly consider their application in a timely manner.

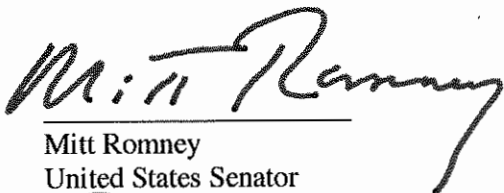
This project is an example of an innovative public-private partnership of industry partners, the public sector, and private sector answering America's growing need for expanded infrastructure.

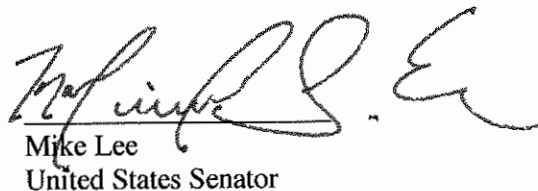
If approved, the project could bring increased economic opportunity and job growth to this region. Connecting various Uinta Basin industries to regional and national markets would facilitate more efficient commerce and open up new opportunities for economic growth.

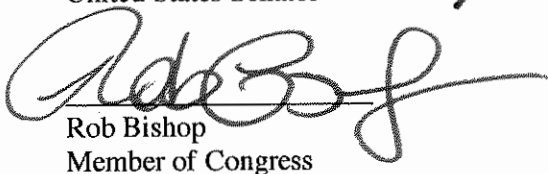
The project also seeks to improve transportation safety and reduce congestion, which could benefit local communities and travelers, as well as potentially ease maintenance costs for counties and the State of Utah.

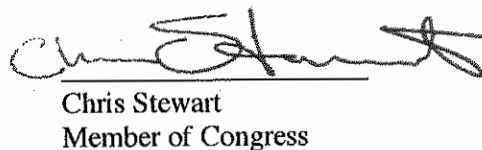
We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments and again ask for fair consideration of the Coalition's application to authorize the Uinta Basin Railway project.

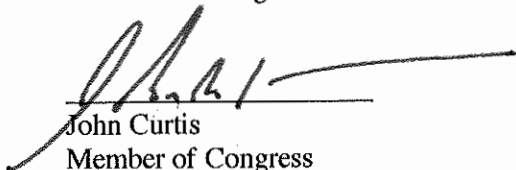
Sincerely,


Mitt Romney
United States Senator


Mike Lee
United States Senator


Rob Bishop
Member of Congress


Chris Stewart
Member of Congress


John Curtis
Member of Congress