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Dear Sir:

Midas Canada Inc. is an aftermarket car care company. We are a major user of rail services. The purpose of this letter is to comment on the issues to be discussed on March 8th, 2000 in Ex Parte 582.

We ask that the Surface Transportation Board focus on whether the proposed CN-BNSF combination is good for shippers. The CN-BNSF combination should be judged on its merits and if other carriers propose mergers, then these cases should be evaluated on their merits also.

The timing of the proposed CN-BNSF combination is not the issue for our company. Our main concern is service. Accordingly, the Surface Transportation Board should focus on ensuring that CN-BNSF combination, and any other future mergers, will deliver service.

The Surface Transportation Board should evaluate railroad transactions fairly and most importantly and decisions should be made to protect the public interest.

Sincerely,

Tony Albanese
Traffic Manager