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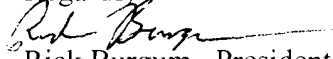
October 15, 2005

The Honorable Roger P. Nober
Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Nober:

I am writing to express my concern of our country's transportation needs of the future. As the economy grows the demands on the railroad system continue to increase. We also grow larger crops every year that need to be economically moved to markets. Some corridors are approaching their maximum capacity. I urge you to promote a policy that enhances the railroads ability to make the investment necessary to expand their rail infrastructure to accommodate future growth.

Regards,


Rick Burgum, President & CEO

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