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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott III
Chairman, United States Surface Transportation Board
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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
Vice Chairman, United States Surface Transportation Board
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The Honorable Deb Miller
Member, United States Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Elliot and Surface Transportation Board Member's:

Thank you very much for the Surface Transportation Board being so welcoming for myself and our edible bean industry. After speaking twice at your hearings in Washington D.C., North Dakota and almost weekly conversations with Mr. Higgins, I see a real transparent agency making great efforts to all parties involved. I'm very excited to see the new structure of your Board come into play.

I'm writing to show support for the Canadian Pacific and Norfolk Southern merger.

I am a fifth generation farmer from North Dakota and I own Forest River Bean Co. Forest River Bean Co. is a 1-10 Railcar shipper of edible beans and we have been in business since 1971. We are a Canadian Pacific Railroad origin.

I feel this Canadian Pacific – Norfolk Southern merger would help the efficiency of the Chicago Yard immensely, as well as these other points:

- Chicago fluidity
- Increase capacity
- Better rates

- Increased equipment availability
- More terminal access
- Greater efficiency
- Southeast corridor access

For the above listed reasons; Forest River Bean Co. supports this Merger.

Respectively,

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