



October 23, 2025

The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Subject: Support for Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Merger (STB Docket FD 36873)

Dear Chairman Fuchs,

As a proud supplier to Norfolk Southern, Verdantas supports the proposed merger with Union Pacific.

At Verdantas, we provide environmental engineering and consulting service, and project coordination for cleanup and response work, which are essential to the safe and smooth operation of freight rail service across the country.

We appreciate working with Norfolk Southern and can bring value to the expanded network of Norfolk Southern and Union Pacific which in turn, we anticipate will yield similar benefits for Norfolk Southern's suppliers and partners like us, including:

- **Business Growth:** Norfolk Southern fosters an environment where suppliers can thrive while meeting the company's needs for safe, efficient and cost-effective solutions. We anticipate that our own business will grow as the company's supply demands expand as a result of the merger.
- **Expanded Reach:** Our ability to access a broader geographic footprint will allow us to better serve our customers and reach new ones.

We understand that regulatory review is an important part of this process, and we encourage the relevant authorities to carefully consider the impacts this merger will have on suppliers like us and the broader economy.

Thank you for your consideration of our perspective. We look forward to the continued growth, innovation and partnership that this merger will bring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Jackson".

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