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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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RE: Public Comment- Proposed Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Merger

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing regarding the proposed Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern merger. If approved, this merger will combine two of the largest freight carriers in the country which could foster the economic growth in Houston, especially through the Port of Houston and its surrounding industries.

This project is an opportunity for Union Pacific and the Surface Transportation Board to ensure that rail operations, safety concerns; and quality of life in the East End community remain safe and effective for its residents. I encourage both companies to continue working closely with residents in the community who could be directly affected to assure them that their concerns are heard and considered.

I urge the Board to carefully evaluate these issues and have them remain top priorities. I am confident that through deliberate planning and constant communication the proposed merger can serve both our economy and community successfully.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of further service to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Alvarado".

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