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September 24, 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, Docket Number:
FD 36873

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

As a long-standing resident of Houston's East End and the founder of Barrio Dogs, I've seen firsthand how vital reliable rail service is for our community. The proposed Union Pacific–Norfolk Southern merger isn't just a corporate deal; it's an opportunity to strengthen our local economy and deliver long-term benefits to my neighbors and our businesses.

I believe this merger will bring us faster, more dependable service, which means reduced congestion and expanded market reach for our businesses. It also promises continued investment in our rail infrastructure—something that's vital for enhancing safety, creating jobs, and keeping our community competitive in a growing economy.

On behalf of Barrio Dogs, I respectfully ask the Surface Transportation Board to approve this merger so we can take advantage of the efficiencies, investments, and opportunities it will bring. This is a crucial step for connecting our communities regionally, nationally, and across the globe.

Sincerely,

Gloria Zenteno
Barrio Dogs Founder & President

cc: Member Schultz
Member Hedlund