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City of Houston Mayor Pro-Tem  
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The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs  
Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street SW  
Washington, DC 20243

**Subject: Support for Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Merger, Docket Number: FD 36873**

Dear Chairman Fuchs,

As a community stakeholder in Houston, Texas, reliable rail service is essential for our local economy, businesses and residents. The proposed Union Pacific–Norfolk Southern merger offers an opportunity to strengthen these connections and deliver long-term benefits.

The merger promises faster, more dependable service, reduced congestion and expanded market reach for our businesses. It also means continued investment in rail infrastructure; enhancing safety, creating jobs and ensuring our community remains competitive in a growing economy.

Union Pacific has invested in our community with grants and contributions to many civic and charitable organizations and I am proud to be supportive of this merger.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact my office if further information is needed.

Respectively,

Martha Castex-Tatum  
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Houston  
Council Member, District K