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June 22, 2026

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

Subject: Withdrawal of City of Meridian "Support" Letters Previously Submitted in This Docket

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

As Mayor and City Manager of the City of Meridian, Mississippi, we hereby withdraw our letters included in the Applicants' December 19, 2025, and April 30, 2026, application filings as support statements.¹

Our November 14, 2025, letters that Applicants included in their initial and revised applications were executed based on discussions with a representative of Norfolk Southern prior to Applicants filing their evidence with the agency. The Surface Transportation Board's rejection of the initial application as incomplete and holding the revised application in abeyance for substantial supplementation on key issues, show that Applicants thus far have not been able to show many of the major benefits their representative stated as facts in seeking our community's support. Accordingly, currently we are not comfortable continuing to allow Applicants to include our letters as statements of support for benefits they have yet to substantiate.

We continue to respectfully encourage the Surface Transportation Board to carefully consider the Applicants' proposal. Further, we applaud you and your fellow STB members for requiring the Applicants to make clear what effects their proposal will have so that

Our November 14, 2025 letters appear at pages 1275 and 1276 of Volume 3 of 4, Statements of Shippers, Government Officials and Others in Support of Application, of the Applicants' December 19, 2025 Application, and pages 1238 and 1239 of Volume 3 of 4, Statements of Shippers, Government Officials and Others in Support of Application, of the Applicants' April 30, 2026 Revised Application.

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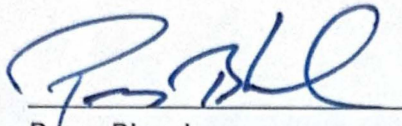
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the public can be fully-informed about Applicants' unprecedented proposal.

Sincerely,


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