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RE: Finance Docket No. 35873  
Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Acquisition and Operation – Certain Rail Lines of the Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc.

Dear Board Members:

As Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, I support the application filed by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”) to acquire and operate certain rail lines of the Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc. (“D&H”).

Continuing the growth of the freight rail industry is important for American manufacturers and commerce in upstate New York. I support the proposed acquisition for the following reasons:

- Constituent businesses in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District favor the transaction;
- D&H will be integrated into a Class I carrier which should ensure the continued viability of the D&H South Lines for New York industries;
- Jobs for my constituents currently working on these lines will be preserved and potentially increased;
- Ownership will be aligned with usage. Today approximately 80 percent of the traffic currently on the D&H lines south of Albany is NS traffic;
- Operating efficiencies will be created that should improve the reliability and sustainability of service on the lines;
- A seamless transition should result in minimal disruption of service for shippers using the line;
- Enhances competition by eliminating interchanges in the Northeast surface transportation market to the benefit of shippers in New York.

I believe this application is in the public interest and stands to benefit individuals and businesses in New York. I respectfully request your review and approval of this transaction.

Sincerely,



RICHARD HANNA  
U.S. Representative