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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliot III
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St., SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 32760, *Union Pacific Corporation, et al. – Control and Merger – Southern Pacific Rail Corporation, et al.*

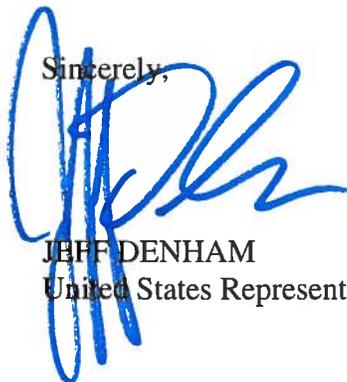
Dear Chairman Elliott:

I write today in reference to the aforementioned docket on behalf of constituents in my district. As you are aware the case at hand will impact several business entities located in California's Central Valley, including the rail industry. Of primary concern to me is that businesses in the Valley are able to operate with certainty and the pending decision has been lingering and as a result creates a significant aura of uncertainty.

I want to be clear that I am not advocating for any one position, only that a decision be made in an expedited fashion. The National Transportation Policy requires fair and expeditious regulatory decisions. Businesses, including those in the Central Valley of California, as well as the rail industry, need regulatory certainty in order to thrive. A fair and timely resolution of this issue would be appreciated by all parties involved.

Therefore, I urge the Board to expedite the process and come to a decision regarding this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



JEFF DENHAM
United States Representative