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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman  
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RE: Canadian Pacific Railway Company, et. al – Control – Dakota, Minnesota, & Eastern Railroad Corp., et al, Finance Docket No. 35081

Dear Honorable Begeman:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Citizens of Redfield in regards to CP's operation and possible sale or lease of the DME line. CP's decisions will directly affect the citizens of Redfield and its surrounding rural communities. Rail lines are the life of small communities in South Dakota. We depend heavily on the rail to ship our agricultural products out of state.

We have been under the understanding that CP was committed to improving and investing back into the line. Our local farmers, South Dakota Wheat Growers (Elevator), Redfield Energy (Ethanol Plant), and citizens of Redfield rely on CP's promise to upgrade the tracks and service to our community.

As a community we hope to be progressive and seek economic growth. We are hopeful in the future to re-open a seed plant on the west side of Redfield. Without reliable rail availability, rail competition, and limited service our chances of finding an investor willing to re-open the seed plant become less likely.

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Citizens of Redfield and those in the surrounding area affected by CP's proposed plans. We are in support of the SD DOT's Petition to Enforce Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Investment Representations in this matter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jayme Akin  
Mayor of Redfield

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