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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliot, III  
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Dear Chairman Elliot:

I am writing to you to communicate the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance's (HREDA) support for a strong freight railroad network here in Hampton Roads and across the United States.

The HREDA believes in and fully supports a healthy freight rail network that will encourage reinvestment for the rail industry, support job growth and facilitate economic recovery. The HREDA would not be supportive of any policy or regulatory changes that would hinder the freight railroads' ability to continue investing billions of dollars annually in private capital to grow and modernize the nation's rail infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Darryl Gosnell  
President & CEO