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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott III
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Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am pleased that the Surface Transportation Board announced that it plans to conduct a hearing regarding the acquisition premium that Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. paid to acquire BNSF Railway Company on Thursday, March 22, 2012. I intend to attend this hearing, if my schedule permits.

I would appreciate your cooperation with me as I work out scheduling details in the coming weeks. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Al Franken
United States Senator