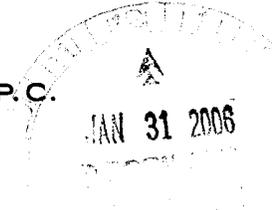


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Re: Finance Docket No. 34783, The Indiana Rail Road Company--Acquisition--Soo Line Railroad Company

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed please find a letter dated January 11, 2005 (should be 2006) from State Representative Robert W. Behning of the Indiana House of Representatives expressing support for the foregoing transaction. The letter was received too late to be included in the Appendices to the Application filed on December 15, 2005. INRD requests that this letter be made a part of the record of this proceeding.

Yours very truly,

John Broadley

Enclosure



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The Honorable Roger Nober
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Dear Chairman Nober:

I would like to express to you my support of the proposed sale of the Canadian Pacific Railway's Latta Subdivision to the Indiana Rail Road Company. This transaction is essential to the Indiana economy, as well as the economy of my district.

Indiana, the Crossroads of America, serves as a vital economic center for manufacturing, trade, and transportation of the nations commerce. Nearly all rail traffic traveling east and west across our nation tracks through Indiana at some point, making Indiana one of the most rail-intensive states in the U.S. This transaction would further our already sophisticated transportation network allowing for more efficient movement of people, goods, and materials to their destinations.

The Indiana Rail Road Company has a proven track record of safety, financial stability, and management continuity. Infrastructure improvements and operating innovations, a result of increased utilization of railways, has contributed to the company's steady growth over the past two decades. In addition to their record of sales and service, the Indiana Rail Road Company has a strong commitment to customer and community satisfaction

I support this expansion, and would appreciate the Surface Transportation Board's full consideration of the Indiana Rail Road Company's acquisition. I appreciate your time on this matter, and I am open to any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Behning
State Representative

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