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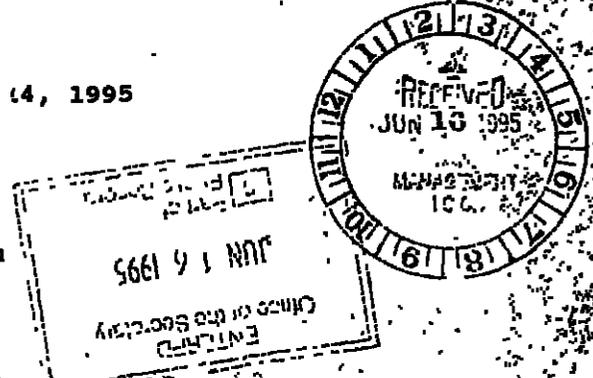
# Railway Labor Executives' Association

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**RLEA**

June 14, 1995

Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Acting Secretary  
Interstate Commerce Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20423



Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is in opposition to a request by Norfolk Southern Railway Company, identified by the I.C.C. as Docket No. AB-290 (sub No. 172X), to be exempted under 49 U.S.C. §10505(g) from the requirements and obligations of 49 U.S.C. §10901-10906.

The Railway Labor Executives' Association (RLEA) submits that this Commission must condition any such exemption by requiring applicant to provide those protections mandated by Section 10903 of the Interstate Commerce Act in order to protect employees who may be affected by the proposed transaction.

RLEA respectfully informs this Commission that it intends to participate in whatever proceeding this Commission may institute to consider the proposed request for exemption filed by the applicant herein. A copy of this letter has been served upon applicant.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Irvin  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Chief Executives  
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The Railway Labor Executives' Association is an association of the chief executives of the standard rail labor organizations representing unionized railroad workers in the United States