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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

Ref: RAISE Grant Award for the Southwest Oklahoma Multi Modal Long Range Transportation Plan

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As a principal provider of rail freight service in southwest Oklahoma, our 347-mile rail network inherently is an important element of the comprehensive multi-modal transportation plan envisioned by Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority ("SWODA") and Oklahoma Department of Transportation ("ODOT"). Like most Class III railroads, our constant focus is on increasing traffic volume to make more efficient use of that extensive rural infrastructure. In that regard, a \$16.5-million project to achieve full gross weight capability with connecting Class I trunkline corridors is nearing completion. We therefore are pleased not only to support the discretionary grant application submitted by SWODA, but also to participate in its implementation as may be appropriate.

Yours Truly,

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