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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

Re: Green Eagle Railroad, LLC – Construction and Operation of a Line of Railroad
in Maverick County, Tex., Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket 36652

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We write in support of the Green Eagle Railroad, LLC's (GER) proposed railroad line in Maverick County, Texas. We appreciate your request for feedback on GER's proposal. The proposed railroad line is essential for a new cross-border freight railroad connection between Eagle Pass, Texas, and Piedras Negras, Mexico. It will facilitate international trade through Texas, promote economic development and security for this critical region of Texas, and help mitigate critical supply chain challenges in the United States.

GER's proposed railroad line would be a vital element of the proposed Puerto Verde Global Trade Bridge (PVGTB) corridor, connecting the new trade corridor to the existing U.S. railroad system. As explained in the Texas Department of Transportation's Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan, the current railroad port of entry at Eagle Pass is heavily utilized and near capacity, and its use is only expected to increase. Thus, we expect that the PVGTB corridor will close an infrastructure gap to support trade growth.

Failure to increase capacity at the Eagle Pass railroad crossing threatens to hinder trade with Mexico, a leading trade partner with growing importance to U.S. supply chains. Further, the current railroad line crossing into Mexico traverses through the City of Eagle Pass and its nine railroad-highway grade crossings. GER's proposed railroad line would bypass these grade crossings, improving safety and the local transportation network.

We urge the Board to quickly approve GER's proposed railroad line. Our bipartisan legislation to streamline the process for presidential permits of international bridges was recently signed into law, and we trust that your review in this case will be expeditious, given the clear benefits that would result. Thank you for considering our strong support for this project.

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz
United States Senator



John Cornyn
United States Senator