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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
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The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs
Member
Surface Transportation Board
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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Vice Chairman
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Re: Docket No. AB 1296X, R. J. Corman Railroad Property, LLC – Abandonment Exemption – in Scott, Campbell, and Anderson Counties, Tennessee

Dear Chairman Begeman, Vice Chairman Oberman, and Commissioner Fuchs:

As Mayor of Campbell County, Tennessee, I want to provide my full support to this effort that can create tremendous value within my county. Our county has developed into a growing tourism economy over the past twenty years with scenic lakes, trails, mountains, waterfalls and wildlife, including a restored herd of elk, not seen for 150 years. An excursion railway, well managed and maintained, will compliment a wide array of tourism offerings with a unique and valued attraction with outstanding heritage and conservation value.

Our offerings include 34,000 acres of recreational waters, 800 miles of shoreline, 800 miles of multi-use trails, twelve marinas, 4 state parks and one county park. Our accommodation options are many, including traditional hotels, but also 750 floating rental homes, 1200 short term, lake-front vacation rental homes and 750 floating homes and over 500 quality camp sites.

Our economy has grown from \$48M in receipts ten years ago to now approaching \$60M. A successful excursion railroad will add real value and depth to a growing economy and the people of our county. I urge your approval.

Sincerely,


E.L. Morton
Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 23, 2020, I served the foregoing Letter of Support using the below email addresses on all parties of record in this proceeding:

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