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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W., Room #100
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: *Fox Valley & Lake Superior Rail System, L.L.C.—Acquisition and Operation
Exemption—Lines of Wisconsin Central Ltd. in the State of Wisconsin, FD 36504*

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Railroads (Office) is the state agency with primary responsibility for making determinations of the adequacy of warning devices at railroad crossings, along with other railroad and water carrier related regulations. Our Office works cooperatively with twelve class one, two and three railroad carriers throughout our State to ensure the highest level of public safety at all of our 4,000+ at-grade public railroad crossings.

I write today voicing my support for the transaction between the Canadian National Railway (CN) sale to Watco of approximately 650 miles of branch lines in Wisconsin and Michigan. Approval by the Board will enable the CN and Watco to work together on a smooth and seamless transition so that service and safety are not adversely effected.

I look forward to working with both CN and Watco to ensure this transition allows for the timely completion of at-grade crossing projects including signal renewals, surface reconstruction and joint highway/rail improvement projects across the State.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Yash Wadhwa

Yash Wadhwa, Commissioner
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cc: All parties of record