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Phillis Johnson-Ball
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: STB Docket No. FD 34075

Dear Mrs. Johnson-Ball:

The Board of Sevier County Commissioners has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement released by your office. This letter is to express our support for the project and our desire to have the Surface Transportation Board take final action.

We believe that the study document has more than adequately reviewed all possible impacts. We further believe that the study has outlined appropriate actions to mitigate those impacts on property owners and the community as a whole. The applicants preferred alignment should move forward as the proposed action since it best balances competing interests.

Please know that we are appreciative of the efforts by your office to complete this study and move the application forward.

Sincerely,

Ralph Okerlund
Commission Chair

Gary B. Mason
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