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Phillis Johnson Ball
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Surface Transportation Board
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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34075 - Environmental Comments
*Six County Association of Governments - Construction and Operation Exemption -
Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah*

Dear Mrs. Johnson-Ball:

I am a life-time resident of Richfield and Sevier County. It is my understanding that the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is conducting an environmental review for the proposed construction of this new rail line. I would like to state that I support this project and the preferred alignment for this rail line.

I feel that there would be less wear and tear on the roads because of less truck traffic, not to mention less congestion. I also feel like we would be able to attract more businesses to this area which could mean the possibility of more jobs. I think the preferred route alignment has been given a lot of study and will minimize the impact to agricultural lands and communities. I appreciate the fact that the Six County Association of Governments has reached out to the communities in developing the preferred route.

I urge the SEA to complete the environmental review for this project in a timely manner so that the Surface Transportation Board can grant final authority for this much needed rail line in Central Utah.

Sincerely,

Maridon Rappleye