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Dear Mr. Black:

The proposed rail project needs to be built in Sevier County. I am an elected official and operate a business in Richfield. I have lived in Central Utah all my life and I remember when we had rail service. It was a lifeline for our rural area and it helped keep some economic vitality in our area. We need to get this service back in our part of the state.

The rail line won't adversely affect the areas that the project is being proposed on. Most of the ground is not used currently and where farmlands are affected, I'm sure mitigation efforts can be done to minimize the impacts.

The route is away from residential areas as much as possible and people will appreciate getting those trucks off the road.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.