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May 24, 2024

The Honorable Amit Bose Administrator Federal Railroad Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose,

I write to express my support for the application submitted by Watco to the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program.

Watco's proposal, the "Strategic Bridge Improvement and Sustainability Project," will use funds received to complete at least 30 percent of the preliminary engineering and design work for 116 strategic railroad bridges that traverse waterways across the entire Watco network. This project includes 2 railroad bridges in Arkansas that are critical to the communities and industries in our state that rely on safe and efficient railroad service.

I hope you will share my belief that this project will provide a great benefit to Arkansans. Thank you in advance for your consideration. I am grateful for the assistance your agency provides to the state of Arkansas.

Sincerely

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