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Amit Bose, Acting Administrator  
Federal Railroad Administration  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose:

I represent Savage, a privately held, global provider of industry infrastructure and supply chain services, with approximately 4,500 Team Members in over 200 locations. Our Customers and Partners count on us to safely and sustainably move and manage what is essential to their business. We enable our Customers and Partners to Feed the World, Power Our Lives and Sustain the Planet.

On behalf of our company, I would like to express our strong support for the Vermont Agency Of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant application, "Tri-State Regional Rail Upgrade Project."

The St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad (SLR) is partnering with the states of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine on this grant project. The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS) is the lead applicant for the application. Matching funds are being provided by the states of ME and NH, as well as the SLR to make the project a true public-private partnership. This is the final work needed to complete the three-state modern heavy haul rail freight corridor and provide 286,000 lb. railcar weight capacity.

The SLR mainline will receive new welded rail, ties, and grade crossing repairs. This project will continue efforts by the SLR and the three states over many years to upgrade the SLR main line into a state of good repair, enhance safety, and allow fully loaded modern rail car shipments, which will support the current and future growth needs of our business.

Savage depends on SLR to provide reliable and safe service to meet our railcar switching, freight transportation and supply chain needs in Maine.

I ask that you please give the application serious consideration for selection and award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jose Fernandez". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jose Fernandez

VP and Unit Leader