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Jim Vena
Chief Executive Officer
Union Pacific Corporation
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Dear Mr. George and Mr. Vena:

We write with regards to four railroad bridges that cross over public streets in the City of Binghamton, New York, that remain in a state of disrepair. A 2023 inspection commissioned by the City of Binghamton found twelve railroad bridges owned and operated by Norfolk Southern to be in severe or poor condition, indicating structural and safety concerns that required further investigation by Norfolk Southern. Irrespective of the final decision of the proposed merger between Union Pacific Corporation and Norfolk Southern Corporation by the Surface Transportation Board, we ask that you commit to completing essential infrastructure upgrades to these bridges.

After the release of the 2023 report, we expressed these concerns in a letter to Norfolk Southern. We are appreciative of the responsiveness on the part of Norfolk Southern to undertake repairs to bridges identified by the City to be in severe or poor condition; to date, the company has led major improvement projects on Glenwood Avenue, Jarvis Street, Front Street, and Murray Street. We are also grateful that planned repairs to a bridge over Brandywine Avenue are set to begin this week. However, four bridges over Water Street and State Street have yet to be rehabilitated. Signs of distress on these bridges found in the 2023 report were incredibly alarming, with the two bridges located on Water Street identified to be in the most severe condition of the twelve total bridges that needed repairs. Norfolk Southern indicated its plans to begin a multi-phase rehabilitation project to address repairs needed by the four bridges on Water Street and State Street this year, but to this date has not begun to do so.

We strongly urge any and all responsible parties to prioritize the safety of the Binghamton community and commit to finishing critical repairs to these five bridges in a timely manner. Furthermore, we strongly urge a commitment to continued long-term maintenance of all railway infrastructure currently owned by Norfolk Southern Railroad in the City of Binghamton.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



Josh Riley
Member of Congress