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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Union Pacific Support of Pima County's Aerospace Research Campus Rail Relocation Project and BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Union Pacific Railroad, I am writing in support of Pima County's Aerospace Research Campus (ARC) Rail Relocation Project and their application for a BUILD Grant to begin designing a rail bypass for Union Pacific's Nogales line.

Our support of Pima County's ARC Rail Relocation project is based on the following public and private benefits:

- Opens up new areas for economic development opportunities for businesses needing access to rail; increasing the local tax base, and providing additional customers to Union Pacific.
- Provides for rail routing flexibility improving the efficiency of freight moving between the U.S. and Mexico.
- Reduces the number of trains utilizing the existing 20 at grade crossings in the Tucson area, helping to reduce traffic congestion, vehicle emissions and vehicle fuel usage.
- Generates new jobs through the eventual project construction, and for business that relocate along the proposed alignment.

We look forward to working with Pima County if the project is funded to ensure the project is planned for and designed to meet the needs of our freight network, potential customer access, and to maximize both the associated public and private benefits.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,