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RE: Proposed amendments to House Bill No. 1012 (Section 3 appropriations)

Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. (NPR) wishes to express its support for the proposed amendment to House Bill No. 1012 whereby funds would be appropriated for the purpose of providing financial resources supporting the short line railroad system operating within North Dakota.

Northern Plains Railroad believes the short line railroads provide a valuable transportation resource for many businesses across North Dakota, serving customer with broader market access and as one of the key components of successful commerce within the state. Northern Plains Railroad requests the members of the ND legislature to vote in favor of the proposed amendment to House Bill No. 1012.

Northern Plains Railroad was established in 1997 and operates 300 miles of railroad across northern North Dakota and serves a variety of shippers, primarily those within the agricultural industry. Along with our primary interchange partner, Canadian Pacific Railway, we deliver exceptional value to shippers by leveraging Canadian Pacific and other Class 1 railroad network connections throughout the United States and by providing local, customer-focused rail operations from the first to last mile. We take pride in providing safe and consistent service and in our ability to quickly adjust to the needs of our customer and the marketplace.

Sincerely,

Dan Mack
Executive Vice President