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Senator Ray Holmberg
Chairman Senate Appropriations Committee
North Dakota State Senate
68th North Dakota Legislative Assembly

RE: Support for the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institutes Budget Request - HB 1020

Chairman Holmberg,

Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company (RRVW) is a short line railroad that operates a freight rail network in central and southeast North Dakota and western Minnesota. In total, RRVW provides freight rail transportation service to ~70 different customers in ~50 different communities.

Please accept this letter of support from RRVW for the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute's 2023-2025 Biennial Budget Request. The Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) provides valuable analysis and tools to provide relevant information for fact-based transportation and multimodal decisions in the state of North Dakota.

RRVW believes that the ultimate beneficiaries of the UGPTI's work are the rural communities in North Dakota that rely on a safe and reliable multimodal transportation system that will strengthen the states rural communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Meyers".

Victor Meyers