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The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

BNSF Railway would like to offer its support for the Port of Northern Montana's efforts to develop a rail-served industrial park at Shelby, Montana. The planned facility will be located adjacent to BNSF's Great Falls Subdivision, with service provided by BNSF, providing access to the national rail network. The proposed project would construct infrastructure, including rail infrastructure, to support a multimodal industrial park to promote economic development for the region.

As the Port of Northern Montana advances efforts to develop and fund this industrial park, BNSF stands by prepared to review any final engineering, operating impacts, and agreements that may be required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colleen Weatherford". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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