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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Walla Walla District
Attn: Shane Slate, Coeur d'Alene Regulatory Office
1910 Northwest Boulevard, Suite 210
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814-2676

Dear Mr. Slate:

The proposed Sandpoint Junction Connector Project in Sandpoint Idaho is a vital piece of freight mobility infrastructure and IAM&AW District Lodge 751 supports its construction.

Washington State is one of the most trade-dependent states in the country. Investments in America's trade infrastructure are critical in order to maintain and grow our economy. Rail is a prime example of privately-funded and owned infrastructure.

This project will increase the capacity of the Great Northern Rail Corridor that is an important conduit for everything from consumer goods, grain, lumber and, importantly to members of our Union – industrial and airplane components.

Rail continues to be the safest and most environmentally friendly method to transport freight. The Sandpoint Junction Connector Project is an essential piece of our trade infrastructure that supports industries that provide family-wage jobs. For these reasons IAM&AW District Lodge 751 asks that you support the Sandpoint Junction Connector.

Sincerely,

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Legislative and Political Director
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