



October 22, 2021

Amit Bose, Acting Administrator  
Federal Railroad Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W38–212  
Washington, DC 20590

*RE: FY21 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program submitted by the Blue Ridge Southern Railroad*

Dear Administrator Bose:

On behalf of Kimberly-Clark Corporation and our Berkeley nonwovens manufacturing facility in Hendersonville, North Carolina, I write today in support of the Blue Ridge Southern Railroad's (BLU) FY 21 CRISI grant application entitled *Blue Ridge Short Line Safety & Capacity Expansion Project*.

The BLU serves our recently expanded manufacturing facility in Hendersonville, and they are our only option for direct rail service at this facility. They are a critical link in our raw materials supply chain, as we depend upon them to deliver the inbound plastic resins which we use to manufacture our nonwoven materials. These nonwovens are then used by Kimberly-Clark manufacturing plants in the region to produce essential consumer products, such as diapers and feminine care products.

Kimberly-Clark greatly appreciates the BLU's efforts with this CRISI application to help fund improvements to vital infrastructure to help ensure reliable and efficient rail service for Kimberly-Clark and other industrial users in the area. We consider this to be an important investment for our short line railroad partner. Thus, we ask you to choose the BLU's project in this current round of funding. Thank you for your consideration of the BLU grant request and commitment to reliable and efficient rail service in this growing region.

Sincerely,

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