



December 31, 2025

Sub: Letter of support

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Georges Inc., I would like to support the effort to preserve the railroad line running from Broadway, VA to Riverton Junction, VA. This line served our feed mill located in Mount Jackson, VA until 2013 when Norfolk Southern discontinued service. Rail infrastructure is vital to the economic viability of the poultry industry; especially in the Shenandoah Valley where the majority of the feedstuffs utilized are shipped from other parts of the country. George's Inc. enjoys the competitive advantage of rail service at all of its feed mills. The Mount Jackson location is the only mill within our network that does not have rail service presently.

It is my understanding that the Commonwealth Transportation Board will be voting to transfer control of the Shenandoah Rail Corridor to the VA Passenger Rail Authority. We would like to state our support for this vote to transfer control and reaffirm our support of potentially restoring freight service to the region.

It is my understanding that there are several short line railroads interested in leasing the line and resuming service. This would be of great interest to George's because we could ship via CSX at Strasburg or Norfolk Southern in Broadway. In addition, we could reduce the dependence on trucking for feed mill operations. We appreciate your consideration of our industry needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Boone Hardy".

Boone Hardy
Director of Grain
George's Inc
P.O. Drawer G
Springdale, AR 72765-2030