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Senator Michael Bennet
261 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator John Hickenlooper
Russell Senate Office Building
2 Constitution Ave NE
Suite SR-374
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper,

The National Transportation Safety Board recently approved the rail transport of “hot crude” from the Uintah basin in eastern Utah through Colorado via rail lines which parallel the I-70 corridor.

The Colorado Water Congress Federal Affairs Committee shares concerns that a thorough environmental review was not conducted prior to this decision, particularly related to the potential threat to water quality should a significant accident occur in the transport near Colorado waterways on this or other possible routes.

We encourage and support any steps you might take to obtain a more extensive review of potential impact, particularly related to critical water resources.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Andy Colosimo
CWC Federal Affairs Committee Chair

Christine Arbogast
CWC Federal Affairs Committee Vice Chair