



August 2, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC, 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned organizations representing the Rail Customer Coalition (RCC) urge the renomination of Surface Transportation Board (STB) Chairman Martin Oberman and Member Patrick Fuchs.

The RCC is a collection of trade associations representing a broad cross-section of manufacturing, agricultural, energy and other industries that depend on the railroads to deliver reliable and affordable service so our members can remain competitive in the global market. Our members collectively provide more than 7 million jobs and produce more than \$4.8 trillion in economic output.

The STB plays a critical role in supporting a healthy rail network while protecting the needs of freight rail customers. Under the leadership of Chairman Oberman and Board Member Fuchs, the STB has initiated several important efforts to modernize freight rail policies and more effectively address ongoing freight rail problems, which are vital to building a stronger supply chain. These initiatives have increased rail carrier transparency and advanced reforms that American shippers have been requesting for decades.

Chairman Oberman and Board Member Fuchs have also initiated several hearings with both freight rail representatives and shippers, providing an opportunity to discuss and better understand key issues. The lack of competition within the freight rail industry was consistently raised at those hearings, which aligns with the Administration's priority to promote greater competition to help consumers and businesses. While more work needs to be done, this renewed focus on freight rail issues has resulted in some improvements in rail service, such as a reduction of unnecessary and disruptive embargoes. However, more work remains.

Strong leadership from the STB is needed now more than ever to ensure that the Board addresses freight rail problems in a timely manner and heads them off before they become full-blown crises. A reliable and responsive rail network is necessary for national security and the U.S. economy. We urge you to renominate Chairman Oberman and Board Member Fuchs so the STB can continue to move the country's freight rail policies forward. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
The Rail Customer Coalition

Agricultural Retailers Association
Alliance for Automobile Innovation
Alliance for Rail Competition
American Chemistry Council
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Forest & Paper Association
American Malting Barley Association, Inc.
American Petroleum Institute
American Public Power Association
Association of Global Automakers
Associated Industries of Massachusetts
Chemistry Council of Missouri
Chemistry Council of New Jersey
Chemical Industry Council of California
Chemical Industry Council of Delaware
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
The Chlorine Institute
Consumer Brands Association
Corn Refiners Association
Defoamer Industry Trade Association
Essential Minerals Association
The Fertilizer Institute
Freight Rail Customer Alliance
Foundry Association of Michigan
Georgia Chemistry Council
Glass Packaging Institute
Growth Energy
Idaho Grain Producers Association
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.
International Dairy Foods Association
International Warehouse Logistics Association
Louisiana Chemical Association
Manufacture Alabama Chemistry Advisory Council
Massachusetts Chemistry Technology Alliance
Michigan Chemistry Council
Motorcycle Industry Council
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Barley Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Farmers Union
National Grain and Feed Association
National Grange
National Industrial Transportation League
National Mining Association
National Pork Producers Council
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
National Sorghum Producers

National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
Nebraska Wheat Board
New York State Chemistry Council
North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance
Ohio Chemistry Technology Council
Ohio Manufactures' Association
Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council
Plastics Industry Association
Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association
Portland Cement Association
Private Railcar Food and Beverage Association
PVC Pipe Association
Renewable Fuels Association
Resilient Floor Covering Institute
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
South Carolina Manufacturers Association
Steel Manufacturers Association
The Sulphur Institute
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Texas Chemical Council
United States Fashion Industry Association
Vinyl Building Council
The Vinyl Institute
Vinyl Siding Institute
West Virginia Manufacturers Association
Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission