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MEMO

To: Surface Transportation Board
From: Anthony Scarpino
CC: Breakthrough Fuel
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Re: Justin Middleton Nomination

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Railroad has been a vital part of our Nation's infrastructure since its inception in 1795 with the introduction of Charles Bullfinch's' funicular railway. Today, rail continues to be the heartbeat of the transportation industry. In a similar fashion, Ainsworth Pet Nutrition has a storied history as one of the oldest Pet Food Manufacturers in the United States. Founded in 1933, then Dad's Dog Food was founded with a peanut roaster and a vision of providing high quality pet food to pet parents around the country.

As such, Ainsworth is committed to the advancement of the railroad industry into the next generation. As technology advances and millennials demand faster receipt of ordered goods, the rail industry will be faced with challenges as it turns to fill voids in its Advisory Council. Therefore, I recommend the committee consider Justin Middleton, Manager of Transportation Procurement from Ainsworth Pet Nutrition to the committee.

Justin has a storied history of rail engagement including managing all rail procurement, and operations during his time at HJ Heinz, and the subsequent KraftHeinz, post-merger. Today, he manages all facets of freight at Ainsworth Pet Nutrition and is consistently engaged in market trends. More importantly, Justin comes from the generation that will not only demand a change to the rail industry, but will help shape the its future as a competent professional in it. It would serve the committee well to appoint Justin to a position given his expertise and eye to the future.

Sincerely,


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