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The Honorable Ann Begeman, Chairman  
The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs, Vice Chairman  
The Honorable Martin J. Oberman, Member  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Re: Nominations for Vacant Position on the RSTAC

Dear Chairman Begeman, Vice Chairman Fuchs and Member Oberman:

I am writing to support the nomination of Benjamin C. Abrams to the Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC). With Ben's significant education and experiences working with railroads as a shipper, he would make an excellent addition to the RSTAC.

The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. and its 21 chapters represent approximately 1,300 companies operating in nearly 4,000 locations in the U.S. and 34 countries worldwide that process, broker, and consume scrap commodities, including metals, paper, plastics, glass, rubber, electronics, and textiles. Generating more than \$116 billion annually in U.S. economic activity, the scrap recycling industry provides more than a half million good jobs in the U.S. alone.

Currently, Ben is the president and CEO of Consolidated Scrap Resources, Inc. (CSR) located in Harrisburg and York, Pennsylvania with other locations throughout the state. CSR processes ferrous and non-ferrous metals using both CSX and Norfolk Southern along with short lines to receive and deliver their products. CSR also maintains a fleet of nearly 100 private railcars.

In addition to his CSR responsibilities, Ben is a chapter president at ISRI and supports the industry in a myriad of ways including participating on rail transportation committees and task forces. At CSR, Ben has responsible for negotiating rates, understanding and complying with various tariffs rules, resolving billing and service disputes and managing CSR's private railcars. He has also worked with operations and support service crews to resolve local track and service matters over the years giving him a unique perspective and exemplary experience for this role at the STB.

Ben is also well qualified with a law degree from Penn State University and a Masters in Real Estate Finance from New York University.

Sincerely,

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President

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