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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

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Attn: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 14)
Re: Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancies

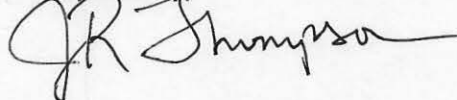
Dear Chairman Oberman,

My name is J.R. (Bo) Thompson. I am writing to express my interest in the available appointment as a small railroad representative to the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC). I would be available to start immediately in the role upon acceptance. I have a home and office in northern Virginia and would have no issues attending every meeting.

I am currently employed as General Director of Sidney & Lowe Railroad (SLGG) which is a subsidiary of Progress Rail, A Caterpillar Company. SLGG is an 11 mile short line railroad located in Sidney, NE situated between two class I railroads in Union Pacific (UP) and Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) and serving two main shippers in Scoular Grain and Adams Industries, a supply chain service company.

I am currently completing my twentieth year in the rail industry. My previous experience prior to the current role with SLGG includes a sixteen year career with Kansas City Southern (KCS) where I worked my way from a freight car mechanic to Director Mechanical Operations. I left KCS to pursue a career working for the Association of American Railroads (AAR). I spent almost two years with the AAR working as Director Asset Health with committee manager responsibilities for Arbitration and Rules and Equipment Health Monitoring before being recruited to join the Progress Rail team with a role at the SLGG.

Respectfully,



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