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The Honorable Ann D. Begemen
Acting Chair
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington DC

RE: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub. No. 10)

Dear Acting Chair Begeman

It's my absolute pleasure to recommend Justin Middleton to join the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council.

Justin and I have strategized and executed transportation initiatives to deliver best in class operations for Ainsworth Pet Nutrition during the last year. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working with Justin, and came to know him as a truly valuable asset to absolutely any team. He is passionate, dependable, and incredibly hard-working. Beyond that, he is innovative and resourceful to deliver results for Ainsworth, partners and customers.

His knowledge of Transportation and expertise in railways and carriers is a key asset for Ainsworth. He put this skillset to work in order to optimize their network and partnerships during a recent RFP. Along with his undeniable talent, Justin has always been an absolute pleasure to work with. He is a true team player, and always manages to foster positive discussions and bring the best out of other employees.

Without a doubt, I confidently recommend Justin to join the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. As a dedicated and knowledgeable employee and an all-around great person, I know that he will be a beneficial addition to the council.