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OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott III
Chair Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 8), Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council

Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am pleased to offer my support for the nomination of Mr. Kevin Murray to serve as the small shipper representative on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council.

As Vice President of Supply Chain for RED GOLD in Elwood, Indiana, Mr. Murray is part of a fourth-generation, family owned business whose remarkable history shows American manufacturing at its best. In the past 30 years, RED GOLD more than quadrupled the size of its Indiana Manufacturing and distribution facilities, growing from a regional supplier of only a few tomato products to a nationwide supplier of over 40 premium quality tomato products in all 50 states and 16 countries.

An efficient and carefully orchestrated supply chain is crucial for RED GOLD to stay on the cutting edge in this highly competitive and fast-paced industry. Kevin Murray skillfully leads RED GOLD's transportation logistics, which includes rail, intermodal and truck. His talent and commitment have given RED GOLD a versatile supply chain that is efficiently and economically operated. With his leadership skills and expertise on rail transportation and logistics, Mr. Murray brings the right blend of knowledge, skill and energy to represent the small shipper on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. He is an excellent representative for our industry and will be a valuable addition to the Council as it continues its important work.

Sincerely,

Andrew Drennan

Senior Vice President