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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman, Chairman  
The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs, Vice-Chairman  
The Honorable Martin J. Oberman, Member  
U.S. Surface Transportation Board  
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*RE: Ross Corthell – Candidate for Large Shipper position on R-STAC (Docket EP 526, Sub-No.13)*

Dear Chairman Begeman, Vice-Chairman Fuchs and Member Oberman:

I am writing to support the nomination of Ross Corthell as a strong candidate to fill one of the Large Shipper vacancies on R-STAC.

Ross is Vice President of Transportation for Packaging Corporation of America (PCA), the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest producer of both Containerboard and White Paper in the U.S. with eight paper mills and 95 converting facilities.

I have worked with Ross in his capacity as Rail Committee Chair for the National Industrial Transportation League (NITL) and find him to be a very fair minded, thoughtful, data driven and a good facilitator of discussion. He has represented both PCA and NITL in STB and U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee proceedings, earning the gratitude of various stakeholders in the process. Ross's knowledge combined with his willingness to listen and learn will make him an outstanding resource for R-STAC.

I hope you will strongly consider Ross, as I have full confidence in his ability to represent Large Shippers with distinction on R-STAC and recommend him wholeheartedly for this role.

If you need further information, please contact me at [jhedrick@nitl.org](mailto:jhedrick@nitl.org) or 571-762-4356.

Sincerely yours,

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