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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancies
EP 526 (Sub-No. 13)

Dear Chairman Begeman:

Corn Refiners Association (CRA) is the national trade association representing a full 100% of the corn refining industry of the United States. CRA and its predecessors have served this important segment of American agribusiness since 1913. Corn refiners manufacture sweeteners, starch, advanced bioproducts, corn oil, and feed products from corn components such as starch, oil, protein, and fiber.

Corn Refiners Association is proud to support the nomination of Dana R. Hansen for consideration to fill the vacancy for a large shipper representative to serve on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC).

Mr. Hansen is the Director-Rail Rates and Fleet Management for Archer Daniels Midland (ADM). He has worked for ADM for 23 years and worked with rail transportation for the past 18 years. In his rail transportation roles, he has handled railcar fleet management, railcar procurement, rail freight rate negotiation, railroad relationship management, railcar builder/lessor relationship management, public policy activities, transportation legal matters, rail supply chain electronic system development, and railcar utilization and optimization modeling. In his current role, he collaborates daily with all of ADM's business units ensuring that ADM's rail assets, supply chains, operations, and freight agreements serve the many needs of our customers. He is engaged in the movement of approximately 700,000 carloads annually.

Dana has served in leadership roles with multiple industry and trade associations during his career and is currently a member of the North American Freight Car Association, the National Grain and Feed Association Shipper/Receiver committee, and the STB's National Grain Car Council.

Mr. Hansen is willing and able to serve as a RSTAC member effective immediately if appointed.



Corn Refiners Association believes Mr. Hansen's knowledge and experience would be a valuable asset to the RSTAC and is pleased to support his nomination to this important advisory committee.

Thank you for your consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bode", is written over a faint, light gray rectangular background.

John Bode,
President and CEO