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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:

Growth Energy is the leading biofuel trade association in the country, representing nearly half of American ethanol plants. We represent producers and supporters of ethanol who are working to bring consumers better choices at the fuel pump, grow America's economy, and improve the environment for future generations. Our members operate more than 100 U.S. biorefineries providing homegrown biofuels that cut energy costs and reduce U.S. reliance on foreign oil. In 2018, our industry contributed nearly \$46 billion to America's GDP, purchased over \$23 billion worth of corn from farmers in the U.S., and supported more than 366,000 American jobs.

Growth Energy 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).

Dana is the Director-Rail Rates and Fleet Management for Archer Daniels Midland (ADM). He has worked for ADM for 23 years, including in 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, Dana 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 their 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. Dana is willing and able to serve as a RSTAC member effective immediately, if appointed.

Growth Energy believes Dana'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. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (202) 545-4023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Bliley".

Chris Bliley
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs