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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
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Dear Chairman Oberman,

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of support for the nomination of Mr. Kent Cash, from the Port of Vancouver, USA, to the At-Large (Public Interest) Representative position associated with the Railroad-Shippers Transportation Advisory Council of the Surface Transportation Board.

Mr. Cash is a public servant with decades of experience serving communities in Southwest Washington. He currently serves as Chief Operations Officer (COO) for the Port of Vancouver, located in Southwest Washington. In this role, he manages 85 employees in engineering, construction, facilities maintenance, fleet, rail, environmental services, terminal operations, and security positions. Kent oversees an annual operations budget of over \$60 million, including \$25 million in capital projects. Before his nine years of service with the Port of Vancouver, he served as Director of Public Works and County Engineer for Cowlitz County, WA. Mr. Cash worked for Cowlitz County for 21 years. During his respective tenures with the County and Port, he has served on many boards, associations, and community organizations, including the Clark County Railroad Advisory Board.

As COO, Kent manages an Interlocal Track Agreement with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad, which provides rail service for many of the Port's tenants. He has also managed the completion of a \$251 million rail infrastructure improvement program and works regularly with the BNSF and the Union Pacific railroads on commercial opportunities.

I believe Kent would bring a valuable perspective to the Railroad-Shippers Transportation Advisory Council. I am pleased to extend my support for Mr. Cash's nomination and urge your full and fair consideration of his application.

Sincerely,

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
Member of Congress