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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott III
Chair
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 8), Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council

Dear Chairman Elliott:

As CEO of RED GOLD I submit the nomination of Mr. Kevin Murray to serve on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council as a small shipper representative

Kevin is currently RED GOLDS's Vice President of Supply Chain. RED GOLD has three manufacturing facilities, located in central Indiana and all served by on-sight rail. Our corporate headquarters are located in Elwood, IN.

RED GOLD, America's largest family owned canned tomato manufacturer, partners with family farms across Indiana, Michigan and Ohio to sustainably produce premium quality canned tomatoes, ketchup, salsa, juices, sauces and other tomato-based products for the retail, foodservice, private brand, and club channels of distribution within the US. RED GOLD also exports to 16 countries.

Kevin's supply chain responsibilities at RED GOLD, INC include managing transportation logistics, which includes rail, intermodal and over-the road, as well as forward warehousing. Efficient rail service is imperative for our company. On an annual basis, RED GOLD relies on rail service to ship more than 400,000 pounds of product.

Kevin also serves on the Logistics Council of Conexus Indiana. He chairs the Workforce Development Initiative to promote jobs and education throughout the State of Indiana. He has more than 25 years of operational and supply chain leadership experience within the food industry in Canada and the US. Prior to RED GOLD, Kevin held senior level positions within subsidiaries of George Weston Limited

I believe Kevin's experience managing the needs and challenges' facing a small shipper qualifies him to provide input to the STB and the Congress on rail transportation policy issues from the perspective of the small shipper.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

Brian Reichart
President, CEO
Red Gold, Inc.