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Mr. William Brennan
Acting Director
Office of Economics
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Mr. Brennan:

On behalf of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, I hereby request authorization from the Surface Transportation Board to use the 2016 (or 2017, if available) Carload Waybill Sample, with revenue information "masked," for traffic originating, terminating, or traveling through the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut.

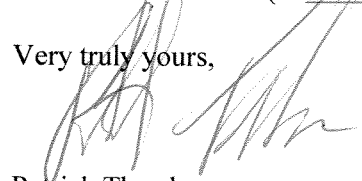
The waybill data will be used to support analysis of rail freight traffic in the metropolitan region. The analysis of the Waybill data will be conducted by IHS Markit, who will generate a processed Waybill database as part of a Transearch commodity flow data delivery, and by Cambridge Systematics and HDR, consultants to the Port Authority.

Please be assured that the requested data will be kept confidential and will be seen only by the necessary parties. Staff at IHS Markit, Cambridge Systematics, and HDR working with the Carload Waybill Sample will sign the Board's standard confidentiality agreement.

The data will be supplied directly from the Port Authority to the Consultants. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact:

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Very truly yours,



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