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I am writing you to request access to the confidential waybill sample under 49 CFR 1244.9

(c) Other Users, in support of research being conducted by contractor Bergmann Associates and Metro Analytics on behalf of Monroe County. This study is being advanced by Monroe County Planning and Development and Monroe County Department of Environmental Services, in cooperation with the Genesee Transportation Council (GTC MPO) of which Monroe County is a member. I am the Director of Monroe County Planning and Development. I am requesting this data on behalf of Monroe County.

The data is to be applied to the Monroe County Multimodal Freight Initiative Planning Project (MMFI) to understand rail activity in the region, the markets railways connect to and interconnectivity of freight modes, and the potential opportunities to the Monroe County economy. The Federal Highway Administration's Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) data is unable to cover rail volumes at a granular enough detail to facilitate regional analysis of rail, so a more detailed source is being sought. Public versions of the Surface Transportation Board Waybill are too aggregate and suppressed to enable rigorous analysis of localized rail movements and their role in the local economy, necessitating this request.

The critical variables needed are as follows:

- Origin - Destination County region for the entire state of New York
- Expanded tonnage and value of freight
- International harmonized system code/ STCC commodity classification
- Year-1 year (2021): sufficient for understanding volumes of rail activity

We are requesting access to the masked data to try and represent the most accurate depiction of goods movement as possible without unnecessary detail involving sensitive cost/price. The data itself would not be published – any results stemming from the analysis would not be circulated subject to any

concerns you might have on divulging information in accordance with the requirements of Title 49 USC §1244 of the Surface Transportation Board.

The names and contact information of staff who will be utilizing this data are:

- Chandler Duncan, Metro Analytics
- Stephen Fleck, Metro Analytics
- Afnan Mohammad, Metro Analytics
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- Derek Cutler, EBP-TREDIS
- John Steinmetz, Colliers Engineering & Design
- Patrick Gooch, Monroe County Planning & Development

Thank you in advance as the data is crucial to our transportation planning efforts. If you have any questions I may be reached at (585)753-2012 or analiss@monroecounty.gov. You may also contact our consultant team Project Manager, Chandler Duncan, at (704) 280-7858 or cduncan@metroanalytics.com.

Sincerely,



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