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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman

Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street, SW

Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. 526 (Sub-No. 10, Notice of Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council

Dear Chairman Begeman:

First Class Services is a liquid and dry bulk trucking company that has a business relationship with DAK Americas LLC, providing bulk transport services for their plastic resins. As President and CEO of First Class Services, Inc., I am writing to endorse my nomination of Mr. Benjamin Ronk, of DAK Americas, LLC for appointment to the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council as a shipper representative.

DAK Americas LLC is the largest integrated PET Resin and PTA producer in North America. Throughout their US production facilities, they account for approximately 13,000 outbound and 14,000 inbound rail shipments per year. As a leading PET plastics producer, DAK has strong partnerships with some of the largest Petrochemical producers in the world, as well as valuable relationships with their transportation vendors.

Mr. Ronk is currently the Logistics Manager for DAK Americas and has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the rail and truck transport industry. With a background in the trucking Industry, Mr. Ronk quickly learned the dynamics of rail and is very well connected within the rail industry. He has been with DAK Americas for four years and has held several roles within the organization. We believe Mr. Ronk would be a valued member of the RSTAC with his understanding of the challenges facing the rail industry. Therefore, I would highly recommend him for a position on this council, as he is available to serve immediately upon appointment. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy Stroup". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randy" being more prominent than the last name "Stroup".

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