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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Subject: **Nomination of Kent Cash to the Railroad-Shippers Transportation Advisory Council,
At-Large (Public Interest) Representative
Docket No. 526 (Sub-No. 18)**

Dear Chairman Oberman:

As Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Vancouver USA, it is my pleasure to submit the nomination of Mr. Kent Cash to serve on the Surface Transportation Board's, Railroad-Shippers Transportation Advisory Council for the At-Large (public interest) Representative.

Mr. Cash currently serves as the Chief Operations Officer for the Port of Vancouver USA and has been with the port nine years. In this capacity he is responsible for the Operations Division of the Port which consists of engineering, construction, environmental services, security, terminal operations, facilities maintenance, and rail operations.

Mr. Cash manages the Industrial Track Agreement between the Port and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad for operation and service of port tenants. While the track is operated by the BNSF, the primary Class 1 railroads providing service to port customers are BNSF and Union Pacific. The port recently completed a \$250 million dollar rail infrastructure improvement project that has been the recipient of many local, national, and international awards and recognized for its innovative features. This project also contributed significant improvement to the mainline network in Vancouver, resulting in an estimated 40% increased efficiency. The port's rail program and rail infrastructure has also received the praises of the Federal Rail Administration with respect to the level of on-going maintenance.

Prior to joining the port, Mr. Cash served as the Director of Public Works/County Engineer for Cowlitz County, WA and was with that agency for 21 years. In addition to his administrative responsibilities for the 125 employees of the department, the service areas of the department encompassed roads and transportation, solid waste, water and sewer, diking, stormwater, and parks.

Before joining Cowlitz County, Mr. Cash worked for Black and Veatch Consulting Engineers in Kansas City, MO, where he worked as Project Engineer for seven years.

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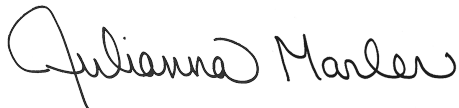
Mr. Cash has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Montana State University and has attended many continuing education and graduate study courses. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Washington state and was the recipient of the 2006 Washington State Association of County Engineers, "Engineer of the Year."

Mr. Cash has served, and continues to serve, on many industry boards and committees. He currently serves as the President of the Maritime Fire & Safety Association for the Columbia River deep water shipping channel and as a member of Clark County's Railroad Advisory Board.

I believe Mr. Cash's experience in transportation, rail, shipping, engineering, and facilities operation qualifies him to provide knowledgeable and relevant input to the Surface Transportation Board's Railroad-Shippers Transportation Advisory Council on issues facing rail, shipping, and the transportation industries. Mr. Cash has indicated his willingness to serve immediately on the RSTAC if appointed and has the full support of the Board of Commissioners and port leadership in doing so.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

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

Julianna Marler
Chief Executive Officer
Port of Vancouver, USA