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The Honorable Martin Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Oberman:

I write in support of the nomination submitted by Herzog Enterprises for Mr. Gregg Baxter to serve as a member of the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC) that you and the Surface Transportation Board recently established.

Herzog Enterprises plays a critical and unique role within the rail and passenger rail industries. Herzog is a significant construction contractor involved in passenger rail projects, including the development of Brightline-East, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit – Silver Line, and was recently awarded contracts for the replacement of the Susquehanna River Rail Bridge by Amtrak and the Franconia-Springfield Bypass flyover bridge by the Virginia Rail Passenger Authority. Herzog also plays a significant role in passenger rail operations, serving as the contracted operator of over 10 commuter rail services, including three in the State of Texas, as well as the one public, intercity passenger rail service not operated Amtrak – the CTRail service between New Haven, CT and Springfield, MA.

I also understand that Mr. Baxter has significant experience with passenger rail operations at Herzog, as well as in previous positions he has held with Amtrak and other rail operations companies. Gregg has over 30 years of working experience in the operations of commuter and passenger rail operations across the U.S. and has been involved in negotiations to commence new passenger rail services between private, public and labor entities.

Thank you for your review of Herzog's nomination of Mr. Gregg Baxter to serve on the Surface Transportation Board's Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. Please give their nomination your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

Troy E. Nehls
Member of Congress