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Dear Chairman Elliot:

I write to support the nomination of Jill Harrison, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Alpha Coal Sales Company, a subsidiary of Alpha Natural Resources, to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee.

The State of Wyoming is the largest supplier of coal in the United States, producing more than 338 million tons in 2013. Our mines not only provide reliable and affordable electricity to consumers across the nation, but also provide thousands of citizens with high paying jobs. While the economy of Wyoming and the nation continues to benefit from coal, a necessary part of this equation is rail service that allows this American made energy source to get to market in a timely fashion.

Due to the importance of both the coal and railroad industries in my state, I am pleased to write this letter in support of Jill Harrison's nomination. By way of background, Alpha Natural Resources is an important part of Wyoming's economy, supporting more than 1,600 direct and indirect jobs and paying more than \$64 million in federal state and local taxes in 2013. Last year, Alpha shipped 38 million tons of Powder River Basin coal across the country, the vast majority of it by rail.

Jill Harrison has a long history of working on transportation issues within the coal sector, not only as the Senior Vice President for Alpha Coal Sales, but also during her time in private practice where she represented coal supplies on a wide range of matters, including rail agreements. I am confident she will do her best to not only represent Alpha, but more importantly the interests of coal producers and consumers across the country.

Please give Jill Harrison your full and fair consideration and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Cynthia M. Lummis
Member of Congress