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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott, III
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Via Federal Express and e-mail at Daniel.Elliott@stb.dot.gov

Re: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 7), Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancy

Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am writing in response to the Notice served in the captioned proceeding to nominate Michael Peters, Senior Vice President of Industrial Development and Real Estate at Genessee & Wyoming, Inc. to serve on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council ("RSTAC") as a small railroad voting members to fill the current vacancy for that position on RSTAC. I have had the honor of knowing and working with Mike Peters for many years and can unequivocally state he is well qualified to serve on RSTAC.

I first came to know Mike when he joined OmniTRAX, Inc., as its Chief Commercial Officer. In that capacity he worked extensively with shippers, Class I railroads, and other short lines to develop innovative ways to attract customers to rail service, to find unique ways to serve the needs of shippers, and to deal with issues of importance to small shippers such as car supply, rates, competition, and procedures for addressing claims.

Mike also served on the Senior Leadership Team at OmniTRAX, which addressed important issues to both the OmniTRAX managed railroads and to short lines and small shippers, becoming involved in supply chain management, logistics solutions, and marketing strategies. He has served on the short line caucuses at Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern, and BNSF.

He has also participated in meeting with members of Congress and various agencies and advocating on behalf of small railroads on matters such as the renewal of the Short Line Investment Tax Credit, truck size and weight issues, and similar issues.

After Mike joined Genessee & Wyoming as its Senior Vice President of Industrial Development and Real Estate, he continued working with shippers and other railroads to develop creative ways to attract additional business to rail, to bring new industries to the G&W railroads, and to support customer expansion. He is an integral, critical member of G&W's senior management team.

Mike meets all the requirements to serve as a small railroad voting member of RSTAC. He is a citizen of the United States and is not employed by the federal government in any capacity. Because of his background and knowledge of the rail industry from both working for shippers and railroads, he is fully capable and equipped to represent as broadly as possible the various segments of the railroad and rail shipper industries. Mike is willing to serve as a small railroad representative on RSTAC and understands the duties and obligations of serving on it. Genessee & Wyoming also support his serving on RSTAC.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information concerning my nomination of Michael Peters to serve on RSTAC. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Ogborn", with a long, sweeping underline.

Michael Ogborn
President
Ogborn Consulting Group, LLC

cc: Stephanie Lyons, Esq.