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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliot, III
Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Elliot:

I am writing to express my support for a strong freight railroad network. Our organization feels that a strong rail system is critical for the continued and future growth of not only the automobile business in this country but hundreds of other businesses and industries.

As America finally begins to pull itself out of the Great Recession, we do not need to reverse progress by damaging the ability of the rail industry to reinvest and continue to provide strong service.

We at the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation support a healthy freight rail network that encourages reinvestment by the rail industry, supports job growth and continued economic recovery.

We oppose any policy or regulatory changes that would hinder the freight railroads ability to continue investing billions of dollars annually in private capital to grow and modernize the nation's rail infrastructure. We respectfully request that no regulatory or policy changes be pursued at this time by the STB. We need to maintain the strong and well-balanced regulatory regime we have in place today.

Thank you for our consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

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