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

Dear Chairman Elliot:

There is a threat coming before you – a threat that could reshape the rail industry for the worse. This threat is a change to the current regulatory framework that would make it difficult for rail to continue investing billions every year into maintenance. Doing away with reasonable regulations, essentially reversing the progress of the last thirty years, would be disastrous for railroads and disastrous for Plasser American and the men and women who work here.

Plasser American employs 250+ people in our Chesapeake, Virginia headquarters, in a state of the art 150,000 square foot facility that is able to produce machines not only to send across the United States, but also for export. We have developed numerous machines specifically for applications for United States freight and transit rail systems.

This has helped provide important services to railroads across the country. From tamping to stabilizing, ballast management to laying track, we are able to provide services that make efficient, cost-effective, and safe rail shipping possible.

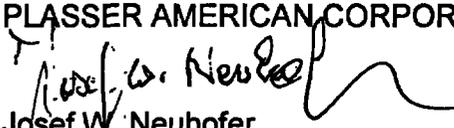
This is a question of public policy. We can either promote a regulatory environment that supports a strong rail network and in turn economic development, reduced congestion, improved air quality, etc., or, we can see the opposite. With freight volumes on the rise, air quality a concern, and a continued need for increased job growth, we must encourage investment in our transportation infrastructure.

We urge you to reject any proposals that would have the effect of undoing reasonable rail regulations. Plasser and our employees, the railroads and their 180,000+ workers, and ultimately the entire United States will suffer if you do not.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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