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The Honorable Dan Elliott, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

EP 705

Subject: Public Hearing on Revisiting Railroad Regulatory Exemptions

Dear Chairman Elliott:

My name is Melissa Gordon. My family built a successful business in Massachusetts based on CSX railroad transportation service. Our company relies on CSX railroad for shipments of wine to our distribution terminal. By using rail transportation for our products, instead of long-haul truck transportation, countless trucks are removed from the nation's highway system, which save fuel, reduce emissions, reduce wear (and repair costs) on public roads, and increased public safety. The availability of smooth running, well-managed railroad service is vital to our business, and it provides efficiencies and economies that promote economic growth.

It should be no surprise, therefore, that I was deeply concerned to learn that the Surface Transportation Board is holding public hearings to revisit current railroad regulations. The current system works, and it should not be tampered with. It is disturbing that the STB is considering actions that would eventually result in the government spending public funds on railroads. Reduced investment would result in a slower, less safe railroad, and that would hurt my business.

Don't turn back to the past when rates were artificially set, and as a result, investments and improvements in the rail system languished. There is no need for the government to push additional burdens on this important industry.

America is a great country built by hard working, ingenious and entrepreneurial people and companies. This is not the place or the time for crippling reregulation.

Respectfully,



Melissa G. Gordon
President