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

Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Gross & Janes Company and it has recently come to my attention that there are businesses pushing the Surface Transportation Board to change current policy on railroad regulation. We believe proposed changes in freight railroad regulatory policy would negatively affect the health and well being of the railroad industry and therefore have a direct and negative impact on our company.

Gross & Janes Company has been producing quality railroad crossties since 1920. We now operate processing plants in Missouri, Arkansas and Texas. It is the largest independent supplier and shipper of untreated ties in North America, purchasing raw materials from more than 225 independent sawmills located in ten states.

Please oppose changes to current policy on railroad regulation because it is not in the best interest of businesses like mine that rely on the railroads for our livelihood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Pourney'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael L. Pourney
President and Chief Executive Officer