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Mr. Chairman Elliott,

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I am writing to express my support for a strong freight rail railroad network, not only in North Carolina, but throughout the nation.

As America continues to recover from the recent economic downturn, we do not need to reverse progress by hindering the ability of the rail industry to reinvest in their network and continue to provide strong service.

I support a healthy freight rail network that encourages reinvestment by the rail industry, supports job growth and continued economic recovery.

I 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. I respectfully request that not 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.

Best Regards,

Rep. Frank Iler
Co-Chair
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