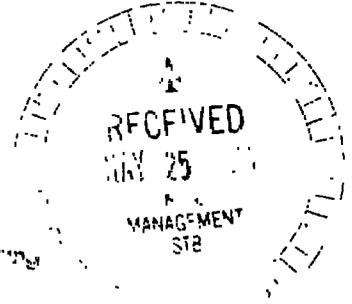


May 18, 2011

Ms. Cynthia Brown  
Chief of the Section of Administration  
United States Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

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**RE: Ex Parte No. 705**

Dear Ms. Brown:

We at Kaneka Texas Corporation understand that the Surface Transportation Board is reviewing the level of rail competition in the national rail system. We appreciate the opportunity to register our support for increased competition for rail dependent shippers.

We depend on reliable and affordable shipments of products to remain competitive in an increasingly competitive global market place. We encourage the Board to revise its policies to ensure the maximum rail to rail competition possible in our current consolidated freight rail system, as intended by the enactment of the Staggers Rail Act.

Competition, of course, is the cornerstone of both our national economy and the nation's freight rail policy - and what the freight railroads sought in 1980 when they advocated the enactment of the Staggers Rail Act. The irony today is that foreign products imported into our nation in containers enjoy the benefits of rail competition while many domestic rail dependent shippers do not when moving freight around our nation on the national freight rail system.

A competitive national rail system is essential to American consumers, the creation of American jobs, increased American exports and a healthy national economy. Improved competition policies by the Board can increase competition in our national rail system, to the national good.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Kevin Harris".

Kevin Harris  
Purchasing Manager  
Kaneka Texas Corporation