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COUNTY OF TULARE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



ALLEN R. ISHIDA
Supervisor - District One

December 7, 2011

Surface Transportation Board
Att. Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 3)
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: Nomination of Mr. Charles L. Littlefield to Surface Transportation Board, RSTAC
small shipper vacancy**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Charles L. Littlefield to fill the small shipper vacancy on the Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC)

Mr. Littlefield is Chief Operating Officer of Richard Best Transfer, Inc., a high-volume, bulk distribution business for Central Valley agricultural industry.

I have known Mr. Littlefield for the past five years where he has worked tirelessly to preserve and enhance the use and further development of freight rail service in Tulare County. Mr. Littlefield is a valued member of the Tulare County Association of Governments Rail Advisory Committee.

As President of the Central California Rail Shippers Association, Mr. Littlefield has greatly assisted County rail shippers in better understanding railroads and resolving issues.

Mr. Littlefield enjoys extensive knowledge of rail operations, infrastructure and tariffs, both pre-Staggers Act and since creation of the Surface Transportation Board. He has been engaged with the Board on many rail issues over the last several years. I firmly believe his experience and knowledge will provide invaluable insight to RSTAC.

Sincerely,

Allen Ishida, District One
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

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