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The Honorable Chairman Daniel R. Elliott, III
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 5)
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Re: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No.5) Recommendation

Dear Chairman Elliott:

It is my honor and privilege to recommend Robert L. Byrd to be appointed to fill the Large Shipper Representative vacancy on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the "RSTAC"). Mr. Byrd is the Material Handling Manager for Nucor Corporation's ("Nucor") steel mill located in Blytheville, Arkansas. Mr. Byrd has over 20 years of experience with Nucor and shipping matters, and oversees a shipping department of 78 Nucor teammates with a focus on delivering American-made steel products to customers all over the world via rail, barge, truck and other transportation means.

Specifically regarding rail shipping experience, Mr. Byrd is extensively involved with numerous railroad companies in the performance of his duties for Nucor, including Class I, II and III railroads, with significant daily involvement with the BNSF Railway Company, Union Pacific Corporation and Canadian National Railway Company. Mr. Byrd also holds numerous positions within the Nucor organization, including as modal team leader of Nucor's Rail Team, which provides communication to all Nucor mills on rail transit issues throughout North America. Mr. Byrd's daily interaction with rail matters consists of rail rate issues, safety matters, delivery concerns, transit time, claims, hazardous material shipments, unit trains and other functions of Class I, II, III and other short line railroads as it relates to Nucor.

Mr. Byrd is of impeccable character and is highly valued as a significant contributing team member in Nucor's company-wide logistics efforts. Mr. Byrd is a United States citizen and is willing to serve on the RSTAC effective immediately upon appointment.

For background on Nucor and its status as a large shipper, please visit Nucor's corporate website at www.nucor.com. Nucor is a Fortune 500 company with a corporate family of approximately 200 operating facilities, including its divisions and wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Harris Steel Group, The David J. Joseph Company and Skyline Steel, of which in 2012 produced more than 19.8 million tons of steel that went into thousands of applications, making Nucor the largest manufacturer of steel products in North America.

Mr. Byrd can be reached directly at robert.byrd@nucor.com, or by phone at (870) 838-2250. Should you have any questions or need further information on Mr. Byrd, please do not hesitate to contact me via my office phone or email as set forth above.

With Utmost Honor,



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