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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Finance Docket No. 27590 (Sub-No. 4)  
TTX Company – Application For Pooling Reauthorization

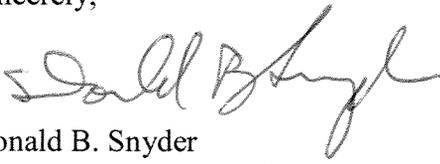
Dear Ms. Brown:

I am Don Snyder, Director of Trade Development for the Port of Long Beach, California, the second largest port in the United States. We are a landlord port, leasing facilities to numerous private sector companies that load and discharge oceangoing vessels. In CY2012, our terminals handled over 6 million twenty-foot/equivalent containers. A considerable portion of the cargo moves by rail. Numerous studies indicate that international trade, specifically trade with Pacific Rim countries, will grow substantially by 2020. The Port of Long Beach is investing billions of dollars to build and modernize our infrastructure to deal with this growth.

Likewise, we are concerned about the American railroad's capacity and ability to move these massive amounts of cargo into the future. For this reason, we strongly support reauthorization of TTX's flatcar pool, because it will strengthen the intermodal transportation system in which we participate. In recent years, there have been occasions when a shortage of intermodal rail cars has delayed movement of international cargo into and out of Southern California. With approximately one-third of US waterborne containerized trade moving through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, we must have an adequate supply of rail equipment. Intermodal growth is important to the U.S. economy, and TTX promotes intermodal growth through all of its efforts to provide an efficient and adequate supply of high-quality flatcars. Further, TTX facilitates continuing investment in the U.S. railroad industry in intermodal equipment supply, so that this vital need is not underserved in eras of high demand on railroad capital.

We support TTX's application for a fifteen-year extension of its pooling authority to ensure that TTX will continue to supply efficient and economical flatcar service in the years to come. We consider approval of TTX's application to be of critical importance to the continued growth and success of our business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald B. Snyder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donald" being the most prominent.

Donald B. Snyder  
Director of Trade Development  
Port of Long Beach