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Chairman Daniel R. Elliot, III
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Chairman Elliot:

Central Sales and Service is a Waverly, Tennessee based manufacturer that provides a wide range of rubber products for the rail industry. We have more than 54,000 square feet of production space and two new steel buildings located just outside Nashville.

I was recently informed that the Surface Transportation Board is considering policy changes that would undo the current system of balanced economic regulation of railroads. From my perspective, any such changes would be bad public policy. They would hamstring an industry that provides thousands upon thousands of jobs across the country, and will set our transportation system back, when we need it to grow most.

Central Sales and Service depends heavily on a strong railroad system because we service passenger and freight railroads. We are just beginning to feel resurgence in freight rail and, frankly, need the trend to continue in order to remain viable in this industry. The healthier our rail network is, the healthier our business is. Imposing excessive regulations on freight rail would undermine a successful industry that now supports job growth and economic recovery.

There are thousands of workers and hundreds of companies that depend on a rail system that is able to modernize and expand. Your decision will greatly affect us all and be felt cross the country where people and businesses rely on rail service to move the things they need to be successful.

Rail is a vital part of this nation's fabric and a regulatory system that encourages growth and modernization is smart public policy.

Sincerely,

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