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Honorable Dan Elliott, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Mr. Elliott,

Ex Parte 705

In the upcoming hearings before you and the rest of the board, I would like to go on the record as continuing to support a rail network that has supported job growth not only within the industry, but has allowed so many companies like my own to be created, flourish and provided thousands of people with good paying jobs and benefits.

As a company and personally we would not want to see any legislation or regulations that would hinder the nation's railroads from continuing to invest the billions of dollars in private capital, (and I think that is important to emphasize) to expand and modernize this great country's rail system.

I am the founder and Chairman/CEO of Cornerstone Systems headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee. We have approximately 180 employees and offices in twenty three locations. Approximately 70% of our business is invested in intermodal and carload rail business. We are heavily involved in the movements of toys, tire, auto parts, spirits and wine. Our wine program also consists of the largest boxcar consolidation program in Napa Valley.

A healthy, prosperous and growing rail industry is key to not only our continued success, but I believe is critical to the future of this country and is a proven environmentally better choice than over the road movements.

Sincerely,

Rick Rodell

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Chairman/CEO