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Vice Chairman
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
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Mrs. Ann D. Begeman
Board Member
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Dear Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Miller and Member Begeman:

I represent the 42nd Ohio House District, within the Dayton region. My district, and our region, has a rich history and ties to manufacturing. We rely heavily on the railway system to support our local businesses and economy, which is the reason I write to you today.

I am writing to convey my concern about the Surface Transportation Board's proposed railroad access regulations, which would undermine the resilience of the American economy by diminishing the strength of the rail industry.

It is critically important that businesses have reliable and uninterrupted access to efficient freight transportation to ensure products are able to compete nationally and globally.

The proposed regulations, which would require railroads to provide their competitors with access to their rail lines, would compromise the efficiency of the national rail system and slow the overall movement of goods across the nation.

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Businesses, especially small businesses, rely on swift, predictable shipping options to meet their customers' requirements. By recommending that railroads comply with these regulations, the STB is likely to jumpstart a chain reaction that constricts business activity. This is not just discriminatory toward the railroads, it is also unfair to the businesses, small and large, that form the backbone of the American economy. When those businesses suffer, so do the local communities that surround them.

I urge the board to carefully consider the potentially disruptive effects of these proposed regulations and the impact they would have on businesses across the nation. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Niraj J. Antani".

Niraj J. Antani
State Representative
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