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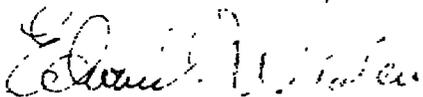
Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am the president and chief executive officer of FreightCar America. On behalf of our company, I write to you to ask the Surface Transportation Board to proceed with caution with respect to changes in railroad regulation. Should the Surface Transportation Board consider regulatory changes, such changes must be balanced for all affected parties and not jeopardize the railroads ability to make capital investments for growth. The major railroads in North America have been key customers of FreightCar America and the broader rail supply industry. In March, I traveled to Washington, DC to express my concerns about these efforts to my members of Congress.

Headquartered in Chicago, IL and with operations in Johnstown, PA, Danville, IL and Roanoke, VA, FreightCar America is proud of its heritage of building and designing railcars. And we have good reason. FreightCar America has been manufacturing quality railcars since 1901. The generations of employees responsible for creating its reputation for quality have made FreightCar America the largest North American manufacturer of aluminum railroad freight cars used to haul coal.

Poorly conceived changes in rail regulation could negatively affect the railway supply industry and thus our business. If the railroad industry is unable to expand and haul more freight, then our employees will not be able to build new railcars. We are now in the process of rebuilding since the downturn in the economy. We cannot afford to lose those jobs again. Please make sure that should any changes to railroad regulation be considered, that they be balanced for all affected parties to ensure our economic recovery continues.

Sincerely,



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