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

RE: EP 704 (Sub-No. 1), Review of Commodity, Boxcar, and TOFC/COFC Exemptions

Dear Ms. Brown:

The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) fully supports the Petition for Release of Information and Request for Extension of Time filed by the Association of American Railroads (AAR) on April 8, 2016. The ASLRRRA cannot begin to evaluate the Board's proposal in this docket without the additional information requested by AAR. In addition, ASLRRRA needs to conduct a survey of its member railroads to understand the particular impact of the proposed exemption revocations on its member Class II and Class III railroads. For those reasons ASLRRRA requests and urges the Board to grant the full 60 day extension from the date of the release of the requested information or from the current due dates for comments, whichever is later, as requested by AAR.

Respectfully,

Keith T. Borman
Vice President & General Counsel