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

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Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am the president of Birmingham Rail and Locomotive. Our company has served the freight railroad industry since 1899. I write today to urge you to sustain the current balanced freight railroad regulation.

Birmingham Rail & Locomotive operates within two distinct industries. Our Rail and Track Division supplies overhead crane rail and fasteners, railroad track material, track spike production and sales, and switch material and turnouts. The Locomotive Division offers new and rebuilt parts, full locomotive service and maintenance plans, as well as complete rebuilds. We employ 95 people and operate 3 facilities.

Birmingham Rail & Locomotive is a rail supply company and as such it is crucial to our business that the railroads are allowed the freedom to run a successful business while still ensuring the protection of their customers. We believe the current regulatory system does just this and we believe changes could be detrimental to the railroads and thus our business as well. To ensure the well being of our company and countless others that rely on the railroads, please sustain current common sense railroad regulation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Monroe Jones
President