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Stephen J. Dearden, President

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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: STB Ex Parte No. 677, Common Carrier Obligation
of Railroads.**

Please add my name and address to the service list as a party of record with intent to participate in this proceeding. I am requesting 5 - 10 minutes to present testimony that will focus on railroads' de-marketing initiatives and cost and safety issues related to transportation of hazardous commodities.

I respect the fact that the filing deadline was March 25. I have been planning to participate but I was not able to file in a timely manner because my husband passed away on March 19 and his funeral was March 22. Therefore, I respectfully request waiver of the filing date.

This original is being filed electronically.

Sincerely,

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