



Surface Transportation Board  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

April 20, 2022

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
172 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Capito,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding supply chain congestion and capacity across the nation's freight rail network. The Board appreciates hearing your views on these important and challenging issues, and their impact on West Virginia.

On April 26 and 27, 2022, the Board will hold a hearing on recent rail service problems and recovery efforts involving several Class I railroads. Additional information on the hearing can be found in the public hearing notice issued by the Board on April 7<sup>th</sup> in [Urgent Issues in Freight Rail Service](#), Docket No. EP 770.

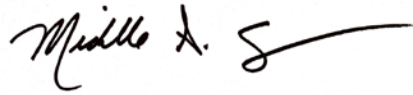
In addition, the Board routinely monitors and addresses the concerns raised in your correspondence, including terminal congestion, rail car supply issues, and employment shortages, with the Class I railroads. We understand that increased demand for coal produced in West Virginia, against the backdrop of limited railcar supply, is of particular concern. We will continue to provide active oversight of the fluidity of the freight rail network, and the availability of equipment and labor, and work with the railroads to ensure that goods move efficiently and safely. In particular, our weekly railroad performance data allows us to monitor important service metrics and trends in coal carloadings or trainloadings from the Northern and Central Appalachian production regions.

Thank you again for contacting us. A copy of your letter has been posted on the Surface Transportation Board website. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Ms. Janie Sheng, Acting Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

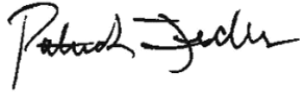
Sincerely,



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