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Dear Representatives Huffman, Quigley, Sires, Strickland, Johnson, Coleman, Lowenthal, Torres, Espaillat, Bonamici, Newman, Kahele, Correa, Brownley, Brown, Veasey, Lawson, Vargas, Spanberger, Cleaver, II, Carbajal, DeSaulnier, Schrader, Carter, Sr., Ruppersberger, Sherrill, Aguilar, Maloney, DelBene, Auchincloss, Moulton, Case, O'Halleran, Napolitano, Kelly, Carson, Lynch, McEachin, and Trahan:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the important work freight railroads and their employees continue to undertake to meet U.S. transportation demands as the nation recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as on investment in the freight rail industry and the environmental benefits of rail. We appreciate hearing your views on these matters.

Consistent with the policy objectives set by Congress contained in the rail transportation policy at 49 U.S.C. § 10101, the Board has adhered to the view that a competitive, sound, and efficient freight rail industry, as a key component of the Nation's transportation marketplace, is critical to the success of our larger economy. With respect to environmental issues, the STB must consider environmental impacts while undertaking certain of its work, and, more broadly, the rail transportation policy also sets forth that the Board "encourage and promote energy conservation." The Board will continue to pursue matters on its agenda that further the rail transportation policy and will continue its commitment to maintaining a strong national rail network.

A copy of your letter has been added to the STB website as Non-Docketed Correspondence. If you or your staff have any additional questions or comments, please contact us or Ms. Janie Sheng, Acting Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,



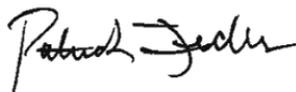
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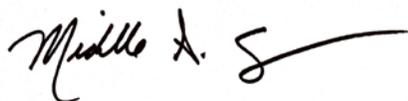
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