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Amendment to the Written Statement of

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Dear Chairman Oberman and Members of the Board:

I'd like to clarify my written statement after receiving an objection.

This is with reference to the first paragraph of page 10 of my original comments wherein I stated:

“...The carriers aren’t diligently working towards a contract. In fact, in national negotiations last week, we spent 90 minutes discussing whether to cover vasectomies in the healthcare plan, and the railroads wanting to form a “subcommittee” to explore that matter – all while wage increases remain unaddressed. The railroads are simply playing games to waste time and drag out the process. And during these “negotiations,” wages continue to remain flat and labor shortages persist...”

This should have read (changes in italics):

“...The carriers aren’t diligently working towards a contract. In fact, in national negotiations last week, we spent 90 minutes discussing whether to cover vasectomies (*and a variety of other time-wasting topics*) in the healthcare plan, and the railroads wanting to form a “subcommittee” to explore that matter – all while wage increases remain unaddressed. The railroads are simply playing games to waste time and drag out the process. And during these “negotiations,” wages continue to remain flat and labor shortages persist...”

The remainder of my original written statement remains unchanged.

Sincerely,

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