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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman - Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 15)

Dear Chairman Oberman,

U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) is pleased to nominate Mr. Michael Edgar from Barkley Seed in Yuma, Arizona to serve as a small shipper representative on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. As manager of Barkley Seed, Michael is both a wheat producer and exporter, giving him keen insight into the challenges small shippers face on a weekly basis, while also understanding those challenges have impacts beyond the shipper, all the way to the farm gate.

He started his career in the grain business in 1979 and has been closely involved in the shipping industry ever since. He has witnessed changes in rail regulation and service over more than 5 decades. While he works regularly with railroads and is an active member of USW's Transportation Working Group, he believes small shippers have very little say in the rail service they currently receive. It is our strong belief that his appointment to this advisory committee will serve to enhance [or enlighten] the relationship and communication between railroads and small shippers.

In addition to his work at Barkley Seed, Michael has served in a number of leadership roles, including as USW Chairman in 2008-09. In that position he traveled the world meeting with overseas customers who also rely on the efficiency and reliability of the US transportation system. USW is the wheat industry's export market development organization, annually working to promote the value of U.S. wheat in more than 100 countries.

Michael is a citizen of the United States and is not an employee of the United States.

USW appreciates the mission of the Surface Transportation Board and would welcome the opportunity to have a wheat shipper represented on the RSTAC. If you have additional questions about his application or if there is more information that I can provide, please don't hesitate to reach out at vpeterson@uswheat.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "V.R. Peterson", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Vince Peterson
President – U.S. Wheat Associates.