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Surface Transportation Board  
Attn: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No.2)  
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

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RE: Nomination of Anthony Leiding as Biofuel Refiner Representative to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC)

Surface Transportation Board:

The Renewable Fuels Association, the leading organization representing U.S. ethanol producers, is pleased to nominate the following individual for the "biofuel refiner" position on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC):

Name:           **Anthony Leiding**

Interest:       The candidate would represent the interests of "**biofuel refiners**" on RETAC.

Summary of Experience:

Anthony Leiding is President of Trenton Agri-Products (TAP), a 50-million-gallon per year ethanol biorefinery located near Trenton, Nebraska. TAP has annual revenues of \$140 million. Mr. Leiding manages all aspects and business activities of Trenton Agri-Products, including 32 employees, project management, economic analysis, strategic planning, marketing and transportation of ethanol and co-products of the biofuel manufacturing process. Trenton Agri-Products is served by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad, with a rail spur located adjacent to the BNSF mainline. The vast majority of ethanol produced by Trenton Agri-Products is marketed and transported in states located in the western U.S. region. Mr. Leiding has a deep understanding of the U.S. energy market, as well as transportation and logistical issues. Ethanol accounts for the overwhelming majority of biofuel shipments by rail, with roughly 400,000 tank car shipments annually. More than 70 percent of the ethanol produced in the United States is transported by rail, meaning ethanol producers should have a prominent voice on the RETAC.

In addition to his duties at TAP, Mr. Leiding also serves as President of Renewable Fuels Nebraska, the state trade organization for Nebraska's ethanol producers. He is also on the board of directors for the RFA and is currently the Chairman of the Renewable Fuels Foundation, RFA's educational and research arm. Mr. Leiding holds a Bachelor's of Science, Finance degree from Iowa State University, a Master's of Science, Global Energy Management degree from University of Colorado – Denver, as well as a Master's of Business Administration, Management degree from University of Mary in Bismarck, ND.



In addition, Anthony Leiding is a veteran of the United States Army, where he reached a rank of Captain while serving as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot, Forward Support MEDEVAC Platoon leader, Director of Medical Evacuation Operations and Director of Operations in numerous locations, including deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, where he earned the Bronze Star Medal.

Representation and Agreement to Serve:

Anthony Leiding is a qualified representative of the "biofuel refiners" sector and agrees to serve as a member of RETAC in a representative capacity for the entire duration of the appointment (see attached letter of affirmation).

If you have any additional questions regarding the nomination of Anthony Leiding to the RETAC, please contact Troy Bredenkamp, RFA's Senior Vice President of Government and Public Affairs, at 202-289-3835, or [tbredenkamp@ethanolrfa.org](mailto:tbredenkamp@ethanolrfa.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Geoff Cooper  
President and CEO  
Renewable Fuels Association



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**STB Members;**

**I, Anthony Leiding, provide the following affirmation in support of my nomination to the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).**

**As required under the Federal Register announcement (Docket No. EP 670 (Sub.-No. 2)), I hereby affirm and attest that I am willing and able to serve as a member of RETAC. Moreover, I hereby agree to serve on the aforesaid Committee in a representative capacity on behalf of U.S. biofuel feedstock growers or providers and biofuel refiners, processors and distributors.**

**If you have any questions, or need anything further, feel free to contact me at 316-337-8328.**

**Sincerely,**



**Anthony L. Leiding**  
**President**

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# **Anthony Leiding**

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **TRENTON AGRI PRODUCTS LLC**

#### **President**

**January 2021 to Present**

Trenton Agri Products – Wichita, KS/Trenton, NE

- Lead and manage a \$140 million per year revenue organization.

#### **Director of Operations**

**July 2015 to December 2020**

Trenton Agri Products – Wichita, KS/Trenton, NE

- Manage all business activities including thirty-two employees, project management, economic analysis, strategic planning, personnel issues, co-product marketing, and all other aspects of day-to-day operations.

### **UNITED STATES ARMY**

#### **Director of Operations**

**October 2013 to July 2015**

Medical Evacuation Proponency Directorate - Fort Rucker, AL

- Published in The Aviation Digest, an industry-wide professional publication, on operational prioritizing and utilization of personnel and assets

#### **Director of Medical Evacuation Operations**

**January 2012 to May 2013**

Division Surgeons Staff, 1st Infantry Division - Fort Riley, KS / Bagram, Afghanistan

- Lead all MEDEVAC operations in Regional Command – East, Afghanistan for 12 months
- Rewarded for my exemplary strategic planning and distinguished leadership with the Bronze Star Medal

#### **Forward Support MEDEVAC Platoon Leader (Cross-Functional Team Leader)**

**August 2009 to January 2012**

C Co, 2-1 General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade - Fort Riley, KS / Kalsu/Mosul, Iraq

- Flew more than 70 MEDEVAC missions evacuating earning the Air Medal and Combat Action Badge for duties performed while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Earned Pilot-in-Command status in minimum hours required through technical competence, appropriate risk management, and leadership abilities in the aircraft

#### **Flight School Student**

**August 2007 – July 2009**

United States Army Aviation Center for Excellence – Fort Rucker, AL

- Aircraft qualification in the UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter (Sikorsky S-70)
  - Aircraft qualification in the TH-67 Creek Helicopter (Bell 206)
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## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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#### **President, Renewable Fuels Nebraska**

- [Nebraska Ethanol](#) | [Renewable Fuels Nebraska](#)

#### **Board Member, Renewable Fuels Association**

- [Renewable Fuels Association](#) | [Home \(ethanolrfa.org\)](#)

#### **Chairman, Renewable Fuels Foundation**

- [Nebraska Ethanol](#) | [Renewable Fuels Nebraska](#)
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## **EDUCATION**

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**Master of Science, Global Energy Management, 2020 with a 4.0 GPA**

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO – DENVER – Denver, CO

**Master of Business Administration, Management, 2011 with a 3.97 GPA**

UNIVERSITY OF MARY – Bismarck, ND

**Bachelor of Science, Finance, 2007 with a Minor in Military Science through Army ROTC**

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY – Ames, IA

