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Surface Transportation Board

**RE: Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancies
Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2)**

Ms. Brown,

I write in response to the Surface Transportation Board's request for nominations to serve on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC). The Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD) formally endorses the individuals listed below who have been nominated by their respective unions to serve on the Committee.

TTD consists of 37 affiliate unions representing workers in all modes of transportation, including the totality of rail labor. TTD and our affiliates strongly support efforts to promote safe and timely delivery of critical energy supplies that are necessary to our economy.

RETAC brings together experts from energy and rail industry stakeholders to provide independent, candid policy advice to the Board and to foster open, effective communication among the affected interests on issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, railroads, and users of energy resources. TTD is a strong advocate for including labor representatives in critical safety and operations conversations, and TTD affiliate unions have provided valuable guidance to the Committee from the perspective of the rail workforce since its inception. TTD respectfully urges STB to give due consideration to the individuals identified below.

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Brandon Denucci, nominated by the American Train Dispatchers Association (ATDA)

Mr. Denucci is a National Vice President for the American Train Dispatchers Association and is currently on a leave of absence from Norfolk Southern. During his 15 years with Norfolk Southern, he worked as both a Train Dispatcher and Assistant Chief Dispatcher. Prior to working as a train dispatcher, he worked as an air traffic controller and therefore has a unique intermodal perspective. Mr. Denucci holds an Associate of Science Degree in Air Traffic Control and has studied Logistics as well as Labor and Employment Relations at Penn State University.

Bob Guy, nominated by the Transportation Division of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART-TD)

For a decade, Mr. Guy has been a member of the RETAC. He has extensively proved his expertise and capacity to assist RETAC. Guy graduated from Western Illinois University in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in broadcast journalism and a minor in marketing. After graduating college, Mr. Guy worked for the Illinois Department of Employment Security from 1992 to 1994. In 2007, Mr. Guy participated in a successful campaign to expand State-sponsored Amtrak service and in the union's workplace safety campaign, which resulted in passage of the Railroad Employees Medical Treatment Act, the Safe Walkways Act, and other critical safety legislation. In February 2008, he was elected to his first full term as Assistant Legislative Director of the United Transportation Union (now SMART-TD). Currently, Mr. Guy is the Illinois State Legislative Director for the SMART-Transportation Division and has almost 29 years of experience in both labor and rail. Mr. Guy is eager to continue to serve as a member of RETAC.

Christopher "Chris" Hand, nominated by the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen

In 2000, Mr. Hand attended Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, Colorado to seek a General Studies Degree; however, he decided to change course and entered the Fire Science Technology Program at nearby Red Rocks Community College in 2001. More recently, Mr. Hand continued his education at Eastern Gateway Community College to obtain a Paralegal Certification. In 2008, he began his railroad career with Union Pacific Railroad. His fifteen years of railroad experience includes leadership roles in the signal craft as a Foreman and an Electronic Technician. Currently, he serves as the Director of Research with the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen. His responsibilities encompass regulatory affairs, research, and analysis pertaining to issues related to the membership.

Roy Morrison, nominated by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division (BMWED)

Mr. Morrison worked for Union Pacific Railroad (UP) from 1996 to 2015, where he worked as a Track Laborer, Equipment Operator, Track Foreman, and Track Inspector. He worked across most of UP's Northern System. He spent 11 years traveling on system production gangs (SPG) and eight years working locally out of Spokane, Washington. As the BMWED's National Director of Safety, Mr. Morrison earned his National Safety Council Advanced Safety Certificate. He is responsible for preparing safety testimony and presentations at hearings and inquisitions and before policy and lawmaking bodies, including the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC), Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee (STSAC), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA),

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and Congress. The BMWED Department of Safety is also responsible for researching and filing comments to the Federal Docket on Notices of Proposed Rulemakings (NPRM) and railroad requests for waivers from federal safety laws and regulations.

Sean Simon, nominated by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET)

As the Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Mr. Simon promotes legislative and regulatory efforts that are beneficial to BLET members, and collaborates with other organizations to earn the backing of government officials and the public. Mr. Simon hired out with Conrail in March of 1994. He earned a promotion to locomotive engineer in August of 1995 and joined the Brotherhood effective October 1, 1997. In 2021, Mr. Simon was reelected by acclamation to his fifth term as Local Chairman of Division 226 in Newark, New Jersey. He also serves Division 226 as the Alternate Legislative Representative.

Mr. Simon briefly served as President of Division 601 after joining the Brotherhood. After Norfolk Southern (NS) and CSX took over Conrail, he transitioned to a position at NS. Shortly after Conrail dissolved, Mr. Simon joined the reactivated BLET Division 226 and was elected to serve as its Legislative Representative. He has also held the offices of Local Chairman and Alternate Legislative Representative of Division 226. He was elected 2nd Vice Chairman of the New Jersey State Legislative Board in 2010, and 1st Vice Chairman in 2013. He was elevated to the office of Chairman in 2014. He was elected by acclamation to continue serving as Chairman of the New Jersey State Legislative Board in 2016, and then re-elected by acclamation in 2020. He studied Communications at Mercer County Community College, in West Windsor, New Jersey.

Conclusion

These candidates are committed to ensuring safety in our rail system and their combined experience and labor perspective continue to be invaluable to RETAC as it develops its recommendations. TTD appreciates the opportunity to endorse these candidates and hopes that STB will consider our recommendations to provide the Committee with the views of frontline workers who serve as irreplaceable stewards in maintaining the safety, effective, and efficient operation of our rail system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Regan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Regan
President