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Attention: Chairman Martin J. Oberman
Members of the Surface Transportation Board

Dear Chairman Oberman and STB Members,

I am writing to endorse the nomination of Randall W. Atkins, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ramaco Resources, for service on your Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee ("RETAC") as a representative of coal producers.

I had the pleasure of working closely with Randy on another chartered Federal Advisory Committee as appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Energy. I served as vice chair of the National Coal Council ("NCC") in 2020-2021 during Randy's tenure as chair of that advisory body. Randy consistently displayed stellar leadership skills and devoted significant personal time and resources to advancing the mission of the NCC. He ensured that NCC activities were conducted in an inclusive and cooperative manner focused on problem solving for the common benefit of all of the parties at the NCC table.

Randy's company has significant operations in both Eastern and Western coal fields, while simultaneously acting as a leader in development of new "coal-to-products" applications for the resource. His daily exposure to rail to port logistics may provide an especially useful viewpoint for RETAC's activities.

I believe Randy would be an active and productive addition to the RETAC. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions regarding this endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John N. Ward', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John N. Ward
Executive Director