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

Dear Chairman Oberman and Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

I write today in support of the nomination of Randall W. Atkins for a position on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC). He currently serves as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ramaco Resources incorporated; a leading publicly-traded metallurgical coal company with operations in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and my home state of West Virginia.

Randy founded Ramaco Resources and has served since 2011 as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ramaco Coal LLC. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Mining Association and is the Chairman of the National Coal Council. He has been in the energy investment space for over 35 years and graduated from my alma mater of Duke University.

I have worked with Randy on energy issues that have come before the Senate, and I have always found him to be knowledgeable, reasonable, and dedicated to innovation within the coal industry. I consider him to be an expert on the logistics of transporting energy by rail and believe that he would make an excellent addition to the RETAC.

I hope that you and the members of the Surface Transportation Board will give full and fair consideration to Randy's application. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 202-224-6472.

Sincerely,



United States Senator