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Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Oberman,

Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 18)

I am writing in full support of Mr. Kent Cash's nomination to the At-large Representative position associated with the Railroad-Shippers Transportation Advisory Council of the Surface Transportation Board.

Currently, Mr. Cash serves as the Chief Operations Officer (COO) for the Port of Vancouver, a position he has held since 2014. As COO, Mr. Cash oversees 85 employees in the fields of engineering, construction, facilities maintenance, fleet, rail, environmental services, terminal operations, and security, and manages a budget of \$60,000,000. Prior to becoming COO, Mr. Cash served the Cowlitz County Department of Public Works, first as an engineer, and as director for six years. Throughout his time in public service, Mr. Cash also served on many boards, associations, non-profits, and community organizations.

As COO, Mr. Cash managed an Interlocked Track Agreement with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad. This agreement is the basis for many of the Port of Vancouver tenant's rail services. Mr. Cash also oversaw the implementation of a \$251,000,000 infrastructure improvement program. Finally, Mr. Cash also interacts regularly with BNSF and Union Pacific Railroads on commercial opportunities and serves on the Clark County Railroad Advisory Board.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of Mr. Kent Cash's nomination to the At-large Representative position associated with the Railroad-Shippers Transportation Advisory Council of the Surface Transportation Board.

Sincerely,



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