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Mr. Martin Oberman
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I am writing today to nominate Robert Zmudka, Senior Vice President, and Chief Commercial Officer from GATX Corporation in Chicago, for one of the open positions on RETAC. I have known Rob for over 15 years in a professional capacity. He is extremely well connected and well versed on issues pertaining to railcars and the rail industry in general.

I have recommended Rob in the past for the current role he serves on the STB Grain Car Council. It is my belief that he has served that council well, and I have no doubt he would do the same for this one. I have had business dealing with GATX and Rob for years, representing Louis Dreyfus Company LLC business on both grain and ethanol and he has always represented GATX and our industries to the highest standard.

Please consider this my strong endorsement for his selection to the committee. I am happy to discuss this further if needed.

Regards,

Mark Huston
Director, North American Transportation
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