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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2)
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Surface Transportation Board:

I would like to support the nomination of Mr. Robert Zmudka to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) as a representative from private car owners, car lessors, or car manufacturers.

Mr. Zmudka has been working in the private car owner and car lessor industry for over thirty (30) years. Having personally worked with Mr. Zmudka for more than twenty years, I can attest to his ability to perform as an excellent representative of the private car owner's, car lessor's, and car manufacturer's industry. He is always well informed and demonstrates a high level of integrity in the industry. In his position as Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of GATX, Mr. Zmudka oversees commercial activity for the ownership and leasing of over 100,000 railcars in a significant mix of configurations and industries. In addition, GATX owns and leases locomotives and operates 11 maintenance facilities in North America.

In addition, Mr. Zmudka remains active in many industry organizations including National Freight Transportation Association (Past President and current Steering Committee) as well as helping steer the RailPulse initiative.

The Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee will benefit from Mr. Zmudka's experience, vision and insight based on his vast experience and knowledge of the industry. Please accept this recommendation for his nomination to the RETAC committee.

Sincerely,

Ben Sweat