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Martin Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Nominations

Dear Chairman Oberman:

I write you to nominate our Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Chris Bliley, for the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC). Mr. Bliley's addition to the Committee would greatly benefit the agency with his two decades of policy experience at the federal, state, and local level in transportation, fuel, and vehicle laws and regulations. He has extensive experience working not only on behalf of the nation's biofuel producers and marketers, but also with nearly all stakeholders involved in the transportation sector including government regulators, railroads, other rail shippers, agriculture and farm groups, refiners, fuel retailers, and numerous others.

During his tenure in Washington, Chris has worked in Congress, at EPA, and now on behalf of nearly 100 biofuel producers and associated businesses for Growth Energy, the largest biofuel trade association in the nation. Chris has worked on several major rail transportation issues including various regulatory and legislative changes to rail car standards at the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. He has also been an active participant in various rail shipping coalitions, and his work has included dozens of technical comments and submissions. Furthermore, he is a participating member of ASTM including as a voting member on the following committees: D02 (Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants), D22 (Air Quality), and E48 (Bioenergy). Chris has also helped to manage several technical research and testing programs including recent E15 emissions testing at University of California Riverside and related evaporative emissions testing. I am confident that Chris has the expertise to help the RETAC in its mission.

I highly recommend Chris Bliley for a seat on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee. As requested, I have attached Chris' resume and short biography. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or reach out to Chris directly at cbliley@growthenergy.org or (202)579-7418. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chris Bliley serves as Growth Energy's Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs. Chris handles all federal regulatory matters covering fuel, transportation and logistics, vehicle emission and air quality standards, as well as food safety. His responsibilities also include state fuel quality and labeling matters. Prior to joining Growth Energy in 2011, Chris was a Director at the Nussle Group, a Washington, D.C. based consulting firm. He served as the Associate Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency running the agency's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations from 2007 until 2009 under President George W. Bush. Bliley was also Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for Congressman Jim Nussle. Chris is a graduate of the University of Virginia and lives in Arlington, Virginia with his wife Allison and their two daughters.