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I am writing to express my support for the nomination of President and CEO of the R. J. Corman Railroad Group, Mr. Ed Quinn, to serve on the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC). Given Ed's unique background, coupled with his executive expertise, he would pose as an ideal candidate with the ability to offer productive insight gained through firsthand experience.

Throughout his compacity as President and CEO, Ed has led R. J. Corman through substantial growth as the company has become not only a leading service provider to the railroad industry but a leading operator of short-line railroads throughout the country. R. J. Corman operates nineteen railroads in eleven different states with multiple interchange partners. They haul a diverse mix of carloads along their network and provide service to numerous shippers that support the energy sector. Furthermore, R. J. Corman plays an integral role in the freight transportation network across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. R. J. Corman is a family-owned Kentucky-based company; we are fortunate to have them founded and headquartered in Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Given Ed Quinn's extensive experiences and impressive qualifications, I believe Ed to be a worthy candidate who will bring tremendous value to the Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



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UNITED STATES SENATOR

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