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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Martin J. Oberman
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Chairman Oberman:

I write to support the nomination of Mr. Ed Quinn to serve on the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).

In his capacity as President and CEO of the R. J. Corman Railroad Group, Ed has led the company through substantial growth. R. J. Corman has become not only a leading service provider to the railroad industry, but a leading operator of short line railroads throughout the country. Ed is well known and respected throughout the rail industry and its customer base.

R. J. Corman operates nineteen railroads in eleven different states with multiple interchange partners. The company hauls a diverse mix of carloads along their network and provides service to numerous shippers that support the energy sector.

Ed's background and experience allows him to bring new and divergent perspectives that make for an ideal candidate for the Surface Transportation Board, RETAC.

R.J. Corman Railroad Group is a leader in the short line railroad industry and is an integral part of the freight network across the Commonwealth. We are proud to have this company founded and headquartered in Central Kentucky.

I appreciate the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Andy Beshear
Governor