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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No. 1)
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Members of the Surface Transportation Board,

I am pleased to submit this nomination for Mr. Adam Mahlandt, a dedicated professional with over 26 years of experience in the rail industry, to be considered as a valuable member of the Passenger Railroad Advisory Committee (PRAC). This nomination is in response to Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No. 1) and the notice dated January 4, 2024.

Nominee Details:

- Name: Adam Mahlandt
- Position: General Manager of the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis
- Contact Email: AMAHLANDT@TERMINALRAILROAD.COM
- Phone Number: 618-978-9898

I believe that Adam Mahlandt's extensive background, encompassing both military and railroad experiences, uniquely qualifies him for the PRAC. Having worked predominantly in freight rail with concurrent passenger service, he brings a diverse perspective and a passionate commitment to seeing both passenger and freight rail thrive in his community.

Adam Mahlandt's 26-year career spans various roles, including conductor, dispatcher of freight and passenger, crew management, customer service, and his current position as General Manager. His proven track record includes successfully completing rail projects, negotiating union contracts and arbitrations, and ensuring injury-free operations at the TRRA railroad.

Specific Achievements:

- Instrumental in the Merchants Bridge project
- Led multiple successful union contract negotiations
- Facilitated the securing of state and federal funds to support rail traffic
- Zero Injuries Company Wide for the years 2015, 2017, and 2021.

Adam Mahlandt has expressed a profound commitment to serving on the PRAC, understanding the critical role of efficiency in passenger rail routes, dispute resolution, and regulatory enhancements. He is willing to serve in a representative capacity, bringing diverse perspectives to contribute effectively to the committee's goals.

In conclusion, Adam Mahlandt is an outstanding candidate for the PRAC, driven by a genuine passion for the success of both passenger and freight rail. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this

nomination, and I am confident that Adam Mahlandt's expertise will significantly benefit the committee's objectives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Bertini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Joe" is written with a large, looped 'J' and a small 'e'. The last name "Bertini" is written with a large 'B' and a trailing flourish.