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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423
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RE: Docket No EP 774 (Sub-No 1) Notice of establishment of a Federal advisory committee on passenger rail service -- Nomination pursuant to Notice of vacancies on federal advisory committee and soliciting from the public for candidates to fill those vacancies.

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SUMMARY: RAILCET welcomes the STB creation of a Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. We are pleased to submit the nomination of David A. Frye for a vacancy on the Committee.

Dear Chairman Oberman:

The Railroad Cooperation and Education Trust (RAILCET) is a labor-management initiative of thirty rail construction companies and two building trades unions – Laborers (LIUNA) and Operating Engineers (IUOE). RAILCET members are signatory to a nationwide accord called the Railroad Transportation and Operation Agreement (RTOA). These companies and their employees expect to play a significant role in the expansion of the national passenger rail network over the coming decades under the terms and funding of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

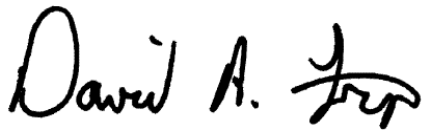
Previously in our letter to you of December 6, we stated it is critical *that the voice of rail contractors and their unions be heard within this important committee. Therefore, we are*

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pleased to submit the nomination of David A. Frye. David is Vice President and Midwest Regional Manager of the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) and a direct report to the international president. He is the senior labor person in the national rail construction contractor community. He is also Chair of the Railroad Cooperation and Education Trust (RAILCET). His experience in pulling together high-quality labor agreements is unprecedented. We believe he will make a maximum contribution to the Committee. A more detailed resume is attached.

As indicated in our letter of December 6, we agree with the November 18 letter of Jim Mathews, president of the Rail *Passengers* Association, to the STB that the existing relationship between Amtrak, the host railroads, and the states has “failed to deliver the frequency and dependability needed to attract large numbers of travelers. Specifically, RAILCET supports increased competition in the intercity and commuter marketplace with fair labor rules. We are confident the STB Advisory Committee can help shift the paradigm and bring passenger rail into the 21st Century.

Respectfully,

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David Frye, Chair – RAILCET

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James Dalozio, RAILCET Vice Chair

DAVID A. FRYE BIOGRAPHY

January 25, 2024

David A. Frye is Vice President and Midwest Regional Manager of LIUNA (Laborers' International Union of North America, leading Laborers' in ten states from Indiana to Texas (Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota).

Frye is a 37-year member of LIUNA Local 120 in Indianapolis. Born and raised in Martinsville, David is a 3rd generation Laborer who went to work in the union on his 18th birthday.

In 1994, David was appointed to the Local 120 Executive Board, to which he was elected a year later. That same year, Frye became a Local 120 Field Representative and went to work organizing and protecting Laborers. David Frye's hard work and determination were not lost on the members of Local 120 as he became Business Manager in March 2003.

Frye became Business Manager/ Secretary Treasurer of the Indiana Laborers' District Council on January 1, 2014. His reputation as a problem solver was quickly put to the test as Indiana had turned "right to work" two years earlier. Frye negotiated contracts against RTW and won back most of the concessions LIUNA had lost in the ensuing fight. Today, Indiana remains a top ten union construction state despite RTW.

As leader of Indiana's funds, Frye also led Indiana Laborers through an overhaul of their massive pension system which is now over 100% funded. He has also championed work zone safety and diversity in the work force.

David Frye has unified the Laborers in the state of Indiana - and now the Midwest Region - into a single-minded force to take on all competition and improve the lives of all Laborers and working people.