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A Labor-Management Initiative of **LiUNA!** & **IUOE**

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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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 support the appointment of Gregg Baxter who was nominated by the CEO of Herzog Industries and is supported by the Association for Innovative Passenger Rail Operations.

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.

RAILCET has submitted the nomination of David Frye. David is Vice President and Midwest Regional Manager of the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) and a direct

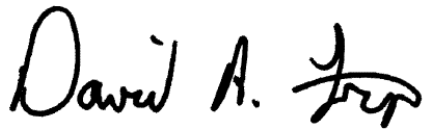
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report to the international president. He is the senior labor person in the national rail construction contractor community. He is also Chair of the Railroad Cooperation and Education Trust (RAILCET).

RAILCET believes the future for passenger rail will be advanced only through cooperative efforts by rail stakeholder labor and management working in a cooperative effort. **Therefore, in addition to our nomination of David Frye, we endorse the nomination of Gregg Baxter of Herzog, who also services as Vice Chair of the Association for Innovative Passenger Rail Operations – AIPRO. Gregg’s nomination is supported by AIPRO as well as member rail labor unions. We are pleased to add our strong support for this nomination.**

The STB Passenger Rail Advisory Committee can become a significant organization in the coming years. We cite, for example, the Federal Railroad Administration Rail Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) which has vastly contributed to rail safety over the last decades. Similarly, we submit the STB Advisory Committee can provide effective guidance on framing the STB role in expansion of a high-performance competitive passenger rail network across the United States in the coming years. We suggest that together though union organized railroads and contractors we can together build the strongest possible American rail network for the future.

Respectfully,

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David Frye, Chair – RAILCET

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