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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Chairman Oberman:

I write in strong support of the nomination submitted by Herzog Enterprises for Mr. Gregg Baxter to serve as a member of the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC) that you and the Surface Transportation Board recently established.

Herzog Enterprises, headquartered in St. Joseph, Missouri, in my district, plays a critical and unique role within the rail and passenger rail industries. Herzog is a significant construction contractor involved in passenger rail projects, including the development of Brightline Florida and the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District double track project. Furthermore, Herzog was recently awarded contracts for the replacement of the Susquehanna River Rail Bridge by Amtrak and the Franconia-Springfield Bypass flyover bridge by the Virginia Rail Passenger Authority. Herzog also plays a significant role in passenger rail operations, serving as the contracted operator of 18 commuter rail services as well as the one public, intercity passenger rail service not operated Amtrak – the CTRail service between New Haven, CT and Springfield, MA.

Mr. Baxter has significant experience with passenger rail operations at Herzog, as well as in previous positions with Amtrak and other rail operations companies. Gregg has over 30 years of working experience in commuter and passenger rail operations across the United States and has been involved in negotiations to commence new passenger rail services between private, public, and labor entities.

Thank you for your review of Herzog's nomination of Mr. Gregg Baxter to serve on the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. Please give his nomination your full and fair consideration. Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact Jack Ruddy, Majority Staff Director, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, at Jack.Ruddy@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Sam Graves
Member of Congress