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

RE: Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No.1), *Notice of Passenger Rail Advisory Committee Vacancies*

Dear Chairman Oberman:

I write to express my interest and desire to serve on the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC), to fill the vacancy required for the Class II or Class III freight railroad representative, or any other vacancy you see fit.

As Co-CEO for CaterParrott Railnet (CPR) since 2005, we have worked strategically with Class Is, State and Local governmental authorities to achieve sustained growth and development; operating 6 freight railroads, with one having a passenger component, the Azalea Sprinter passenger train in South Georgia.

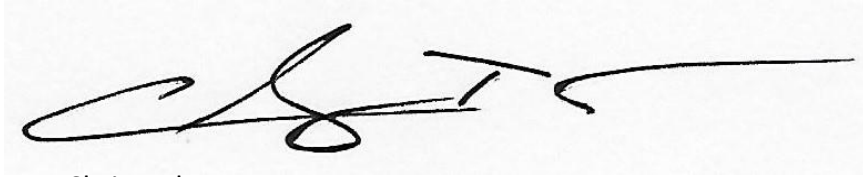
The Azalea Sprinter operates as a tourist and educational experience today, with in-motion plans of creating a connecting daily service from points located along the route. Today, this operation has a \$9 million-dollar economic impact on the South Georgia region, which is projected to rise with an increase in train frequencies.

Through that operation, I have been successful in dealing with matters pertaining to passenger service in Rural Areas, passengers' mobility at stations, working with larger railroads on freight traffic, while validating the benefit that passenger rail offers; including the economic development it brings, in areas where jobs are urgently needed. Additionally, understanding operational issues on both sides, I can create strong partnerships to help improve efficiency and advance passenger routes by "speaking the language" to host railroads and governmental agencies. Having this unique and diverse perspective of operating railroads in Rural areas in my background, makes my selection to the PRAC a strong one.

Having mutual, freight and passenger operating railroad experience, I trust I can offer a distinctive insight and board recommendations built through board synergy, that will ultimately advance the mission of the PRAC.

I understand the role and commitment needed to be a PRAC representative, the responsibilities of its membership and stand ready to go to work for the committee's goals if so selected to join. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to reach out using the email and phone number listed below.

With highest regards I remain,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Parrott', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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