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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423

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Dear Chairman Oberman:

On behalf of more than 800 Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen (BRS), including Communications workers, Signalmen, Draftsmen, Technical Engineers, Circuit Designers, Fire Marshals, and Safety Engineers, we strongly oppose the nomination of Justin Vonashek, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Metro-North Railroad (MNRR) for the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC). MNRR's flagrant disregard for the well-being of railroad workers and its repeated failure to meet even its basic obligations under the Railway Labor Act should disqualify any representative from MNRR serving in this capacity.

We work at the sister commuter railroad division of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), which gives us a front row seat to witness the obstinance of the MTA and their entities to carry out their duty to the public and their dedicated workforce on a day in and day out basis. We therefore do not feel that the nominee is fit to serve on the Board and as an advisory committee member.

We strongly oppose Mr. Vonashek's nomination and urge you to reject his application.

Very truly yours,

Michael Sullivan
General Chairman
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