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Mr. Eric Jakubowski
Chairman, Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC)
RE: STB Docket No. EP 526 (Sub No. 21)

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Dean Mr. Jakubowski,

I understand a small railroad representative seat on RSTAC is available because of a term limit for Mark Wegner of Twin Cities & Western. I would like to nominate myself as a candidate for this seat. I believe I bring a unique shortline railroad and Class I background that can be valuable to the Council and I am available to participate immediately and fund my expenses to do so.

As for my experience, for the past three years I have led all facets of the OmniTRAX railroad organization as CEO. OmniTRAX is the third largest shortline railroad holding company in the U.S. My prior 32 years experience was at CSX Transportation leading commercial, operations, and finance teams as an executive leader. In these roles, I have had a chance to interact with many large and small shippers and receivers across many commodity groups in industrial products, intermodal, agriculture/fertilizer, and coal. This experience included rate making and service needs. I have also had operations experience running transloading operations and intermodal operations as well as dealing with regulatory issues. I am astute as to the various issues surrounding our rail and transportation industry.

I am available immediately to perform duties on the quarterly cadence, as I understand is the practice, and fund travel needs accordingly. It is important to note that I once sat on RSTAC about 20 years ago years while I was at CSX in the large railroad capacity.

Thank you for your consideration.

/s/DEAN M. PIACENTE

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