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Surface Transportation Board:

I would like to support the nomination of Mr. Brent Hoops to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) as a representative of biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors.

Mr. Hoops has current experience in the biofuel refining, processing and distribution industry as well as over a decade of experience as a biofuel feedstock producer through his experience with Good Earth Farms, Inc. Having worked with Mr. Hoops, I can attest to his ability to perform as an excellent representative of biofuel feedstock growers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors. He is well informed and demonstrates a high level of integrity in the industry. In his position as Commodities Director for Chief Ethanol Fuels, Mr. Hoops oversees commercial activity for the commodity sales and distribution of two ethanol production facilities. Mr. Hoops may bring a valuable perspective to the Committee based on both his farming and processing experience.

In addition, Mr. Hoops remains active in many industry organizations including the Renewable Fuels Association, the American Coalition for Ethanol, Renewable Fuels Nebraska, the United States Grain Council and Veterans for Renewable Fuels.

The Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee will benefit from Mr. Hoops' experience, vision and insight based on his vast experience and knowledge of the industry. Please accept this recommendation for his nomination to the RETAC committee.

Sincerely,

Ben Sweat