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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No.2)
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Nomination of Anthony Leiding as Biofuel Refiner Representative to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC)

Surface Transportation Board:

The Renewable Fuels Association, the leading organization representing U.S. ethanol producers, is pleased to nominate the following individual for the “biofuel refiner” position on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC):

Name: **Anthony Leiding**

Interest: The candidate would represent the interests of “**biofuel refiners**” on RETAC.

Summary of Experience:

Anthony Leiding is President of Trenton Agri Products (TAP), a 50-million-gallon per year ethanol biorefinery located near Trenton, Nebraska. TAP has annual revenues of \$140 million. Mr. Leiding manages all aspects and business activities of Trenton Agri-Products, including 36 employees, project management, economic analysis, strategic planning, marketing and transportation of ethanol and co-products of the biofuel manufacturing process.

Trenton Agri Products is served by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad, with a rail spur located adjacent to the BNSF mainline. The vast majority of ethanol produced by Trenton Agri Products is marketed and transported in states located in the western U.S. region. Mr. Leiding has a deep understanding of the U.S. energy market, as well as transportation and logistical issues. In addition to providing an experienced voice to the RETAC on ethanol shipping, Mr. Leiding is able to bring to the RETAC the much-needed perspective of the ethanol industry’s small and medium size shippers.

Ethanol accounts for the overwhelming majority of biofuel shipments by rail, with roughly 400,000 tank car shipments annually. More than 70 percent of the ethanol produced in the United

States is transported by rail, meaning ethanol producers should have a prominent voice on the RETAC.

In addition to his duties at TAP, Mr. Leiding also serves as President of Renewable Fuels Nebraska, the state trade organization for Nebraska's ethanol producers. He is also a member of RFA's Board of Directors, and currently serves on RFA's Executive Committee.

Mr. Leiding holds a Bachelor's of Science, Finance degree from Iowa State University, a Master's of Science, Global Energy Management degree from University of Colorado – Denver, as well as a Master's of Business Administration, Management degree from University of Mary in Bismarck, ND.

In addition, Anthony Leiding is a veteran of the United States Army, where he reached a rank of Captain while serving as Blackhawk helicopter pilot, Forward Support MEDEVAC Platoon leader, Director of Medical Evacuation Operations and Director of Operations in numerous locations, including deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, where he earned the Bronze Star Medal.

Representation and Agreement to Serve:

Anthony Leiding is a qualified representative of the "biofuel refiners" sector and agrees to serve as a member of RETAC in a representative capacity for the entire duration of the appointment.

If you have any additional questions regarding the nomination of Anthony Leiding to the RETAC, please contact Troy Bredenkamp, RFA's Senior Vice President of Government and Public Affairs, at 202-289-3835, or tbredenkamp@ethanolrfa.org.

Sincerely,

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Geoff Cooper
President and CEO
Renewable Fuels Association



August 28, 2024

STB Members;

I, Anthony Leiding, provide the following affirmation in support of my nomination to the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).

As required under the Federal Register announcement (Docket No. EP 670 (Sub.-No. 2)), I hereby affirm and attest that I am willing and able to serve as a member of RETAC. Moreover, I hereby agree to serve on the aforesaid Committee in a representative capacity on behalf of U.S. biofuel feedstock growers or providers and biofuel refiners, processors and distributors.

If you have any questions, or need anything further, feel free to contact me at 316-337-8328.

Sincerely,

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Anthony L. Leiding
President