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Surface Transportation Board
Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 23)
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Nomination of Dr. Al Bagiro for the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) as a Small Shipper Representative

Dear Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

I respectfully submit my nomination to fill the small shipper representative vacancy on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC). As a small shipper executive with diverse experience innovating in intermodal logistics, technology, and regulatory compliance, I am eager to bring my unique perspective to RSTAC's critical work of fostering efficient and balanced rail-shipping policies.

As the CEO of American Power, I have grown it into a multi-million-dollar nationwide logistics, warehousing, and intermodal operation serving U.S. and global clients. American Power has been certified by the U.S. Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and NATO to provide transportation services for the military and government needs. We worked with Class I railroads, intermodal operators, and hundreds of brokers and shippers nationwide.

To address the operational challenges of small shippers, I personally invested in innovative AAR-certified intermodal Fontaine decks, enabling seamless truck-rail service across BNSF and NS railways – an example of the kinds of private-sector solutions RSTAC encourages. These investments, and our reliance on intermodal rail, give me direct insight into the service, infrastructure, and pricing challenges facing small shippers who depend on rail as part of the national supply chain.

My qualifications include more than 20 years of leadership across logistics, supply chain, technology, and risk management. I hold a Ph.D., MBA, and MS in Cybersecurity & Information Assurance. My professional certifications include professional risk management designations such as Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, CPCU, ARM, RPLU, CISM, PMP, and multiple advanced cloud and AI credentials. I have been recognized nationally for leadership and innovation, including the Dayton Business Journal's *40 Under 40* award, NATO Young Leader, and APAICS National Leadership Fellow.

Cybersecurity as well as insurance are increasingly big concerns for all involved, thus my education and expertise on these two topics, in addition to transportation, would be a welcome addition to the Advisory Council.

Notably, I served as a federally appointed member of the IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Department of Treasury), where I advised the government on policies and their impact on small businesses and individuals – experience directly relevant to RSTAC's advisory role. I have also lectured at universities, provided expert testimony to Congress and state legislatures, and spoken at numerous industry conferences.

I am fully committed to serving a three-year term on RSTAC, effective immediately upon appointment. I welcome the opportunity to bring my small shipper experience, technical expertise, and innovative mindset to help RSTAC address the unique challenges and opportunities in rail transportation today.



Thank you for considering my nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information or references.

Sincerely,

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