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August 8, 2025

Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

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RE: Nomination of Tony 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 to fill the “biofuel refiner” position on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).

Nominee Information:

Name: Tony Leiding

Interest Represented: Biofuel Refiners, Processors, and Distributors

Summary of Experience:

Anthony Leiding is President of Trenton Agri Products (TAP), a 50-million-gallon-per-year ethanol biorefinery in western Nebraska, generating more than \$140 million in annual revenue. He leads all aspects of TAP’s operations, including capital investment, rail and truck logistics, co-product marketing, and commercial strategy. Located along a BNSF mainline; TAP is a rail-intensive facility with a private spur that supports the shipment of ethanol and dried distillers grains throughout the western United States.

With more than a decade of executive-level experience in biofuel refining, processing, and distribution, Mr. Leiding has developed a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities surrounding energy transportation by rail. He regularly coordinates with Class I railroads, third-party logistics providers, and downstream partners to ensure timely and efficient delivery of product. His operational leadership is complemented by his service in key industry roles, including President of Renewable Fuels Nebraska, board member and Executive Committee member of the Renewable Fuels Association, and Vice President of Central Crude Corporation.

Mr. Leiding also serves on the board of the Kansas Oil and Gas Resources Fund (Kansans Strong), giving him a cross-sector perspective on energy infrastructure and public

communication. He is known within the ethanol industry as a thoughtful and well-informed voice on transportation issues and frequently engages in state and federal policy discussions related to renewable fuel movement and market access.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Leiding served as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot and MEDEVAC platoon leader with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, earning the Bronze Star Medal. He reached the rank of Captain and brings the same focus, discipline, and leadership to his role in the biofuels sector.

Mr. Leiding holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Iowa State University, a Master of Science in Global Energy Management from the University of Colorado–Denver, and an MBA in Management from the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Representation and Agreement to Serve:

Mr. Leiding agrees to serve in a representative capacity and is willing to actively participate in all RETAC meetings and responsibilities for the full duration of the appointment, effective immediately upon selection.

Letter of Recommendation:

Please find attached a letter from RETAC member Ben Sweat, Chief Operating Officer of POET Biofuels, recommending Mr. Leiding for this appointment.

If you have any questions regarding this nomination, please contact Troy Bredenkamp, RFA's Senior Vice President of Government and Public Affairs, at (202) 289-3835 or tbredenkamp@ethanolrfa.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Geoff Cooper
President and CEO
Renewable Fuels Association



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Surface Transportation Board:

I would like to support the nomination of Mr. Anthony Leiding to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) as a representative of biofuel feedstock growers or providers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors.

Mr. Leiding has over a decade of experience in the biofuel refining, processing and distribution industry, currently serving as the President of Trenton Agri Products. Having worked with Mr. Leiding, 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 President of Trenton Agri Products, he oversees the operations of significant biofuel production facility located in western Nebraska. Mr. Leiding will bring a valuable perspective to the Committee.

In addition, Mr. Leiding remains active in many industry organizations including:

- Renewable Fuels Nebraska Association - President 2021 to Present, Vice President 2020.
- Renewable Fuels Association – Board Member 2021 to Present, Executive Committee 2024 to Present.
- Central Crude Corporation – Vice President 2021 to Present
- Kansas Oil and Gas Resources Fund, Kansa Strong – Board Member 2024 to Present.

The Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee will benefit from Mr. Leiding's 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.

Mr. Anthony Leiding's contact information:

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Representative Interest: Biofuel feedstock growers or providers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors.

Mr. Leiding is willing to serve as a member of RETAC and agrees to serve in a representative capacity

Sincerely,

Ben Sweat
COO - POET Biofuels