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Hon. Patrick Fuchs, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Nomination of Lee Shelly to the RSTAC

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It is my understanding that Lee Shelly, Manager of Rail Operations, H & K Group Inc., has been nominated to serve as a small shipper representative on the Railroad - Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. His extensive personal experience at H & K and his commitment to serving fellow small shippers on the Board of The Traffic Club of Philadelphia would bring to the RSTAC an understanding of the key issues with which the RSTAC is charged; specifically, "car supply, rates, competition, and effective procedures for addressing legitimate shipper and other claims."

During the six years that Mr. Shelly and H & K Group have been GATX customers, I have found him to be well versed and innovative in addressing a wide array of small shipper concerns; particularly efficiency, reduced costs, and maximizing utilization of assets.

Lee is an enthusiastic and collaborative participant in industry affairs, and I have found him to be both diligent and committed to each undertaking in which we have been jointly involved.

He is just the kind of representative the small shipper community needs to speak for its interests on the RSTAC. I heartily endorse his nomination.

Paul F. Titterton