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Subject: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 23) Nomination of Ryan Ratledge to the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council as a Small Railroad Representative

Dear Chairman Fuchs,

I write to support the nomination of Ryan Ratledge to serve on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. Mr. Ratledge is a highly capable leader possessing a wealth of rail industry experience. Currently, he is the Chief Executive Officer of Pinsky Railroad Company, the short line railroad holding company that owns the Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad, located in the panhandle of Florida. During Mr. Ratledge's tenure at the company, the Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad has thrived as an economic growth engine for the State of Florida, attracting industry and jobs to the State.

Mr. Ratledge's significant experience in the rail industry spans over 30 years and includes both Class I and short line leadership positions, giving him a unique perspective on how policy and infrastructure decisions impact shippers of all sizes. In addition, he is a regular contributor to the short line industry, speaking at RailTrends and American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association events. In 2025, he was named one of Railway Age's 2025 Most Influential Industry Leaders.

Mr. Ratledge's extensive knowledge of the rail industry and its shippers makes him an ideal candidate for the Surface Transportation Board, Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information in support of this nomination.

Sincerely,



Aaron Bean
Member of Congress