

January 12, 2026

United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 24); Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancies.

Dear Chairman Fuchs and Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

The Alliance for Chemical Distribution (ACD) is pleased to nominate Matt Fridley to the Surface Transportation Board's (STB) Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) as a large shipper representative.

Mr. Fridley has accumulated a wealth of knowledge in the chemical distribution industry, holding positions within the industry for 24 years and at Brenntag North America for over 10 years, now serving as Vice President of Government Affairs. Brenntag has over 100 facilities across the country and is the largest chemical distributor globally. Brenntag has developed sophisticated rail, trucking, and vessel operations to move these products efficiently and safely.

Brenntag has 70 facilities that utilize the freight rail network to ship and receive product. The facilities are located throughout the country, making Brenntag a customer of each Class I railroad. This provides Mr. Fridley with a valuable perspective as he has experience navigating issues unique to different regions and rail carriers, making him an excellent representative for large shippers.

Mr. Fridley has also served as the Chairman of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) US Chemical Sector Coordinating Council, Chairman of ACD's Government and Policy Advocacy Committee, and Vice Chair of ACD's Executive Committee and Board. In these roles, Mr. Fridley has developed an understanding of the importance of effective government oversight of the supply chain, how to effectively serve in a council supporting a US government agency, and ACD's industry-sponsored Responsible Distribution program.

He is an ideal candidate and his commitment to supporting meaningful collaborative efforts between government and industry through his activity with ACD and CISA demonstrates his will to serve. Mr. Fridley can act as a member of the RSTAC immediately upon appointment.

Sincerely,



Eric R. Byer
President and CEO