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Ms. Anika S. Cooper
Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2) Nomination of Wayne A. Kennedy to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (Biofuel Industry Vacancy)

Dear Ms. Cooper:

In response to the Board's decision served August 18, 2026, in the above-captioned docket, Clean Fuels Alliance America (Clean Fuels) respectfully nominates Wayne A. Kennedy for the vacancy on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) reserved for a representative of biofuel feedstock growers or providers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors.

Clean Fuels is the national trade association representing the U.S. biodiesel, renewable diesel, and sustainable aviation fuel industry, with a membership spanning feedstock producers and providers, refiners and processors, terminal operators, and fuel distributors. Rail is central to how our members move feedstock inbound and finished fuel outbound, and rail service performance, tank car availability, terminal access, and interchange fluidity are recurring commercial constraints for our membership. Mr. Kennedy has supported Clean Fuels' rail supply-chain work for approximately four years and is uniquely positioned to carry that constituency's perspective to the Committee.

1. Candidate Information

Name: Wayne A. Kennedy

Position: Principal, Kennedy Consulting; Rail Supply-Chain Advisor to Clean Fuels Alliance America

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2. Interest to Be Represented

Mr. Kennedy would represent the interests of biofuel feedstock growers and providers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors, as those interests are advanced by Clean Fuels Alliance America on behalf of its membership. He is nominated in, and would serve in, a representative capacity on behalf of that constituency — not in an individual capacity.

3. Summary of Experience and Qualifications

Mr. Kennedy brings an uncommon combination for this seat: direct Class I railroad operating experience paired with sustained analytical work on behalf of the biofuel industry's rail supply chain. His qualifications include the following.

- Class I railroad operating background. Mr. Kennedy spent his career at Union Pacific Railroad and General Electric in locomotive technology, fuel conservation, and operating performance roles. He understands rail performance measurement, network capacity, and terminal and interchange dynamics from the carrier side — the same subjects RETAC was chartered to address.
- Biofuel rail supply-chain analysis for Clean Fuels. Over approximately four years supporting Clean Fuels and its petroleum liaison, Mr. Kennedy has analyzed biodiesel and renewable diesel movement corridors, producer netbacks, terminal readiness, tank car availability, and downstream demand, with particular focus on Northeast and eastern U.S. distribution.
- Rail and biofuel facility geospatial analysis. Mr. Kennedy developed and maintains a geospatial analysis tool mapping Class I railroad networks against U.S. biofuel production and terminal facilities, used to validate serving carriers, count interchanges and short-line handoffs, and define corridor-level service exposure for biofuel shippers.
- Rail movement and performance measurement methods. Mr. Kennedy works routinely with public Waybill-derived data, Association of American Railroads commodity series, carrier performance disclosures, and state-level demand volumes to construct defensible measures of velocity, dwell, and throughput — capability directly relevant to RETAC's work on rail performance and capacity constraints.
- Locomotive fuel efficiency, emissions, and alternative fuels. Mr. Kennedy is a recognized specialist in locomotive fuel conservation, emissions reduction, and biofuel use in rail service, and is named inventor on six U.S. patents in rail aerodynamics, tractive effort, and locomotive power systems. He is an active participant in the Locomotive Maintenance Officers Association, including its Fuels, Lubricants, and Environmental committee.
- Independence and balance. As an independent consultant rather than an employee of any single producer or processor, Mr. Kennedy can speak for the breadth of Clean Fuels' membership — feedstock, refining, and distribution alike — rather than for a single company's commercial position.

4. Willingness to Serve

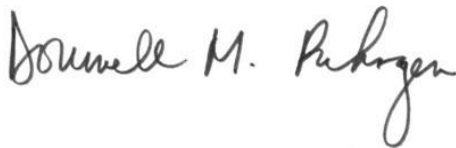
Mr. Kennedy has confirmed to Clean Fuels that he is willing to serve as a member of RETAC for the three-year term ending September 30, 2029, and that he is prepared to attend Committee meetings and participate fully in its work, understanding that members serve without compensation and without reimbursement of travel expenses.

5. Representative Capacity

Mr. Kennedy agrees to serve in a representative capacity, representing the interests of biofuel feedstock growers and providers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors, and not in an individual capacity.

Clean Fuels appreciates the Board's continued attention to the rail service issues that affect the biofuel supply chain and welcomes the opportunity to contribute to RETAC's work. If you have any questions regarding this nomination please contact Kate Shenk, Director of Regulatory Affairs at 202-737-8801 or kshenk@cleanfuels.org.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Donnell M. Rehagen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donnell" being the most prominent.

Donnell Rehagen
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Clean Fuels Alliance America