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Chairperson Ann Begeman,

I, Thomas E. Tirabassi, request consideration as a candidate for the Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) representing Large Shippers. I am employed by Olin Corporation and serve as the Director for North American Logistics. I have nearly 39 years of experience in various roles in chemical manufacturing, and for the last 8 years, I have been responsible for all Olin North American rail, truck, and barge shipments. Olin is a large rail shipper; we ship over 40,000 revenue loads of chlor alkali commodity chemicals each year with traffic on all Class I Railroads. Olin is an accomplished rail shipper and has attained recognition as an AAR Grand Slam Award winner for the last two consecutive years. In addition, I am responsible for procuring, maintaining, and assuring the regulatory compliance of the Olin railcar fleet which is currently over 7,300 railcars.

I have personal knowledge of the many issues currently before the STB. I led the filing of Olin's rate challenge via the SAC methodology in 2011, and I have first-hand experience and ideas on how this process can be improved to provide a balanced Railroad-Shipper process as congress intended. As the largest chlorine (a TIH chemical) shipper in the world, I am keenly aware of the liability challenges faced by railroads and shippers, and I would welcome an opportunity to address these issues given the railroad common carrier obligation. Lastly, I have participated in activities to provide new STB Board members a better understanding of chemical shipper concerns by hosting visits to Olin manufacturing plants.

In addition to my Olin responsibilities, I serve as the Vice Chair of the Chlorine Institute, and I represent Olin on the American Chemistry Council (ACC) Distribution Committee, the Chemical Industry Association of Canada (CIAC), and the National Industrial Transportation League (NITL).

If selected to serve as an RSTAC member, I am available to serve immediately upon appointment.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Tirabassi", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas E. Tirabassi