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Mrs. Deb Miller, Vice Chairman
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
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Mrs. Ann D. Begeman, Board Member
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
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Subject: Docket Ex Parte No. 711 (Sub No. 1)

Dear Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Miller and Member Begeman:

I represent the 84th House District in Michigan – located in the Thumb Region.

I am writing to convey my concerns regarding the Surface Transportation Board's proposed railroad access regulations, which could have a significant and lasting impact on the rail industry. I respectfully request that the STB pause any rule-making until the incoming administration has input with filling vacant positions.

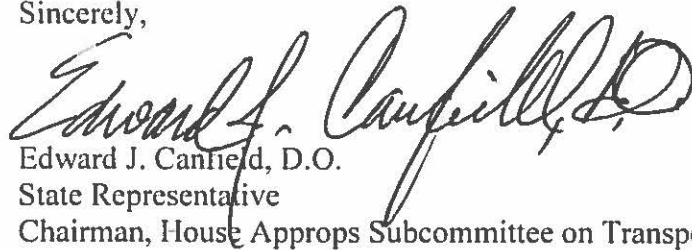
The proposed regulations, which would require railroads to provide their competitors with access to their rail lines, could compromise the efficiency of the national rail system and slow the overall movement of goods across the nation.

Businesses, especially small businesses, rely on swift, predictable shipping options to meet their customers' requirements. By recommending that railroads comply with these regulations, the STB could possibly jumpstart a chain reaction that constricts business activity.

Again, I urge the board to hold off on consideration of the potentially disruptive effects of these proposed regulations and the impact they may have on businesses across the nation – and right

here in Michigan. I believe the incoming STB board members should have the opportunity to deliberately and thoughtfully consider these questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward J. Canfield, D.O.", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Edward J. Canfield, D.O.

State Representative

Chairman, House Approps Subcommittee on Transportation