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Honorable Daniel R. Elliott III, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 8), Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council

Dear Chairman Elliott:

The Morning Star Packing Company would like to support the nomination of Kevin Murray, Vice President Supply Chain of Red Gold, Inc.

The Morning Star Packing Company is a California Tomato Processor who produces aseptically processed tomato paste and diced, both conventional and organic, in 300 gallon bins and 55 gallon drums to meet our customer's requirements for the domestic and export markets. We are solely owned by the company's founder, Chris Rufer. We have three California facilities, two of which are in the Central Valley (Los Banos) and one North of Sacramento (Williams).

Our two Companies have a long standing relationship built on a high level of integrity and trust. We work closing with Red Gold to share logistics and transportation knowledge and opportunities, agricultural processes and innovations, along with supporting their purchasing, quality assurance and production colleagues.

We believe Kevin's 25 plus years in the food industry, managing all aspects of transportation and logistics, makes him the ideal candidate for the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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