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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman  
Acting Chair  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

Re. Docket 526 (Sub-No.10), Notice of Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council

Dear Chairman Begeman:

On behalf of DAK Americas, LLC, I am pleased to nominate Benjamin Ronk to serve as a shipper representative on the Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC). DAK Americas, an Alpek Polyester Company, is the largest integrated PET Resin and PTA producer in North America, with rail operations at all four US based manufacturing sites. As Logistics Manager for DAK Americas, Benjamin leads all commercial efforts and communications with our transportation partners and has a large role in the operational discussions as well. He interacts daily with all Class I railroads and many Class II and III railroads, for US shipments and shipments in and out of Mexico and Canada.

As a large chemical and plastics shipper, we value the relationships we have with our rail and other transportation partners. DAK Americas is a strong advocate for a safe and efficient rail network and fully supports his serving on RSTAC.

Benjamin can be reached directly by email at: [Benjamin.Ronk@alpekpolyester.com](mailto:Benjamin.Ronk@alpekpolyester.com); or by telephone at (803) 791-3032.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Young', is written over a series of horizontal lines.

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Jorge Young  
President and CEO