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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 10)
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Surface Transportation Board (STB) Decision: Notice of Railroad-Shipper
Transportation Advisory Council Vacancies, Docket No. EP 526**

Pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") request for formal nominations to fill vacancies on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC), please accept this letter as my self-nomination to serve as a Large Shipper Organization representative.

With over 25 years of experience in the chemical industry in various commercial and supply chain roles, I have a broad knowledge base and perspective on the critical need for safe, efficient and economical shipping of commodities by rail. Over the past 3 years, I have lead the Americas Land Logistics organization responsible for all activities associated with the shipment of over 34,000 annual carloads across 18 Shell businesses and over 50 different crude, refinery and petrochemical products. In the same period, I have been an active participant on the ACC Distribution Committee engaged in the promotion of policies that enhance the safe and cost effective transportation of chemical products.

I have extensive experience routing rail cargo throughout North America and related experience negotiating and executing freight contracts with all Class 1 as well as many Class 2 and 3 rail service providers. I have an appreciation for the regional strengths and vulnerabilities of the rail networks and the issues that arise in different parts of the country. As a large shipper, I recognize where rail freight fits into the strategy and drivers of investment in growth projects and the subsequent importance of competitively priced freight and a high level of service. I understand the importance of rail competition and, just as importantly, I am aware of the cost, availability and viability of competing modes of transportation.

I have directed the management of both leased and owned railcar assets in a wide variety of railcar types. This has provided a strong understanding of the change in supply and demand balances from

events like the crude by rail boom and evolving regulatory requirements as well as the impacts these dynamics have on car owners and shippers. This has provided the ability to assess industry and regulatory trends and proactively draw conclusions on potential outcomes and impacts to all industry participants.

Having a considerable portfolio of flammable and TIH products has provided a strong understanding of the direct operational and financial impact of upcoming regulatory requirements for various hazardous shipment scenarios. In addition, my involvement in the ACC Distribution Committee continues to provide a broad shipper industry perspective on a wide spectrum of rail issues and solid insights into the effects on all industry participants including Class 2 and 3 railroads, smaller shippers and rail customers.

I believe my extensive rail shipper background positions me well to make informed and balanced assessments and provide important insights on issues put before the RSTAC. I appreciate the Board's consideration of my nomination and would be honored to serve as a Large Shipper Representative on the RSTAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Chad Mansfield', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chad Mansfield
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