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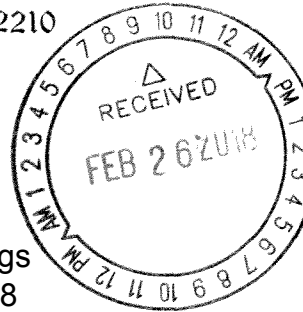
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Honorable Ann D. Begemen
Acting Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 10)
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 10) "Notice of vacancies on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) and solicitation of nominations."

Dear Chairman Begemen,

I write in support of Mr. James Thompson's application to serve as a large shipper board member on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Committee (RSTAC).

Mr. Thompson has more than 20 years' experience in supply chain management and logistics. He currently serves as Whirlpool Corporation's Senior Manager North America – Logistics, and prior to that he served similar roles for the Ford Motor Company. Both of these are complex, major companies headquartered in my state of Michigan, and both of them have a global footprint.

In his decades of work, he has interacted with numerous other multimodal stakeholders. If you were to consult with any of those companies or agencies, you would find they echo my recommendation.

Mr. Thompson's experience and expertise would be an asset to the RSTAC. His feedback on regulatory, policy, and legislative matters would ensure policy makers like ourselves enact smart, 21st century policies that foster robust economic growth. I encourage you to give his application all due and timely consideration.

Sincerely,

PAUL MITCHELL
Member of Congress