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The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wicker:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the pending regulatory proceeding concerning the potential revocation of certain existing class exemptions in Review of Commodity, Boxcar, and TOFC/COFC Exemptions, Docket No. EP 704 (Sub-No. 1). We appreciate knowing your views on this matter.

As you noted in your letter, the Board recently completed a series of ex parte meetings with interested stakeholders to discuss the revocation of certain class exemptions in Docket No. EP 704 (Sub-No. 1). A number of representatives from a range of industries, including paper and forest products, participated in these meetings, which were held separately with each member. Summaries of each meeting are posted on the Board's website.

Because this proceeding is pending before the Board, we cannot comment further. However, we welcome your views, and your letter has been entered into the docket. Please be assured that we will give full and fair consideration to all comments and submissions in this proceeding.

Again, thank you again for informing us of your views. We will keep your office apprised of the Board's actions on this proceeding. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact us or Lucille Marvin, Director of the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Ann Begeman
Chairman

Patrick Fuchs
Vice Chairman

Martin Oberman
Board Member