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



Subject: Recommendations for two small railroad representatives,
Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council

I respectfully recommend to the Surface Transportation Board for consideration the following two gentlemen for appointment to the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC), to fill the two open "small railroad" seats: Mr. Alan Maples and Mr. Cannon Moss. I have included brief backgrounds on both gentlemen, along with their email addresses, telephone numbers and office addresses.

Mr. Alan Maples

(alan.maples@everettrailroad.com, 1-814-695-9628, 424 Second Avenue,
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Alan Maples has been owner and president of The Everett Railroad Company since 1983. This Class III short line railroad was incorporated in 1954. It presently operates 22 miles of railroad in Blair County, Pennsylvania, providing freight service from connection with Norfolk Southern to ten industrial customers. The company employs nine people full time and handles approximately 2,000 carloads annually.

A native of Washington, DC, Mr. Maples now resides in Scottsboro, Alabama. He serves on the board of directors of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association as well as on the advisory board of the ASLRRRA Short Line Safety Institute, and was an active participant in the Association's recent strategic planning initiative.

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Mr. Cannon Moss

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Chesapeake, VA 23324)

Cannon Moss has been president and general manager of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company (NPBL) since 2011. This Class III terminal switching freight railroad is based in Chesapeake, Virginia and handles approximately 25,000 carloads a year for 26 customers and the Port of Virginia. NPBL is a union railroad and has 31 full time employees.. While the NPBL is owned jointly by CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railway, it operates as an independent railroad.

Prior to joining NPBL Mr. Moss spent 11 years with Norfolk Southern Railroad. He began his career as a Management Trainee and soon rose to the level of Trainmaster. He then became a Market Manager in the NS Ports and International department. Since 2016 Mr. Moss also serves as the president of the Virginia Railroad Association, composed of Class I and III freight railroad in the Commonwealth.

Both Mr. Maples and Mr. Moss have agreed to these recommendations, and can provide additional information on their interest and qualifications to serve on RSTAC. I believe they both fully meet the requirements for joining RSTAC, and would provide RSTAC with meaningful and unique experiences that I trust would be very beneficial to the Council.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations.

Very truly yours,



Enclosure: 10 copies of this letter, as requested