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

Dear Acting Chairman Begeman and Commissioner Miller:

I write in support of the nomination of Mathew A. Brainerd for filling a role on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC). He is a leader in the chemical distribution field with a proven track record of program transformation.

As the CEO of Brainerd Chemical Company, Inc., Mat has grown the company to a large regional distributor of chemicals used in 40 states. Brainerd Chemical Company, Inc. operates three rail terminals that handle almost exclusively hazardous materials. I have met with Mat on multiple occasions at his company located right outside of my district in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is apparent that he prides himself in maintaining a safe work environment.

It is with great pleasure that I support the nomination of Mathew A. Brainerd to serve on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. He has operational expertise in rail shipping and can provide both a practical and inspirational perspective to RSTAC's deliberations. I strongly recommend him and respectfully request you provide him with your highest consideration.

Sincerely,



Markwayne Mullin
Member of Congress