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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman, Chairman
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**RE: Notice of Intent to Participate at the May 22, 2019 Oversight Hearing on
Demurrage and Accessorial Charges; Docket #: EP – 754**

Dear Chairman Begeman:

The International Warehouse Logistics Association (IWLA) submits written notification of its intent to speak at the Surface Transportation Board's "Oversight Hearing on Demurrage and Accessorial Charges" scheduled for May 22, 2019. Because our members are nationwide, we request that our testimony times be schedule before 3:00pm on May 22, 2019.

The IWLA is a 501(c) (6) non-profit trade association representing the interests of third party logistic (3PL) warehouse operations through-out the United States and Canada. 3PL warehouse companies receive, store, and ship other company's' goods and act as that company's warehouse, while not owning any of the products. We represent 360 companies whose 3500 warehouses primarily serve manufacturers and retailers in metropolitan areas. 50 percent of the 3PL warehouse companies receive and/or ship goods via rail.

We are very hopeful that the STB will strongly address the unreasonable tariffs regarding demurrage. This is an issue that has plagued suppliers and receivers for over 125 years and because of the protections provided to railroads, it has yet to be addressed adequately. We look forward to presenting a reasonable approach that will benefit the railroads, suppliers, receivers and ultimately the public interests, which is why the government created the STB, to assure fairness to all.

We thank you and the STB Board members for holding this hearing which will enlighten the Board, the suppliers, and the railroads. We know that if this issue is approached reasonably, and if the STB adopts standards that are reasonable for all, this issue can be minimized and commerce and consumers will be served.

We thank you for your service and your understanding.

Sincerely,

Steve DeHaan,
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