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Dear Ms. Davis:

I would like to request the opportunity to speak for 10 minutes at the Surface Transportation Board's hearing on Railroad Revenue Adequacy scheduled for December 12, 2019.

I am an economist and research professor at the George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center. The Regulatory Studies Center improves regulatory policy through research, education, and outreach. As part of its mission, the Center conducts careful and independent analyses to assess rulemaking proposals from the perspective of the public interest.

My remarks will address the questions listed in the hearing notice based on my experience as a researcher who studies network industries, a member of the Transportation Research Board's Committee for a Study of Freight Rail Transportation and Regulation, and a former official at the Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission. I would be speaking solely for myself and have not been compensated in any way for my participation in this proceeding. My remarks will evaluate the effect of the Rate Reform Task Force's proposals on overall consumer welfare and assist the board in identifying the primary impacts of the proposed rule and feasible alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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