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RE: Comments on Proposed Rules for Ex Parte 757, Ex Parte 759, and Ex Parte 760.

Dear Chairman Begeman, Vice Chairman Fuchs and Commissioner Oberman:

Thank you for your continued leadership on critical supply chain issues impacting U.S. manufacturers like International Paper. As you will recall, International Paper participated in the May 22, 2019 Ex Parte 754 hearing focused on railroad demurrage and accessorial charges. As a result of the two-day hearing, the Surface Transportation Board has proposed several thoughtful measures to address railroad demurrage practices in Ex Parte 757, Ex Parte 759 and Ex Parte 760. International Paper commends the Surface Transportation Board for its thorough proposals, including the clarification for engagement with the agency by exempt commodities like forest products.

The American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) has developed formal Surface Transportation Board comments on behalf of the industry. As a member of AF&PA, International Paper supports our industry's comments and urges the Surface Transportation Board to evaluate them closely.

Thank you again for your work on this and other important matters. Please reach out to me if International Paper can be of further assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.



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