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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket EP 526, Sub-No.13

Dear Madam Chairman:

I am honored to support the nomination of **Ross Corthell** to fill a vacancy on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) and I firmly believe that Mr. Corthell's extensive experience in the transportation industry and his passion for sensible transportation policy make him the ideal candidate for your consideration.

Mr. Corthell serves as Vice President of Transportation for Packaging Corporation of America (PCA), one of the largest producers of containerboard and corrugated packaging in the United States and the third largest producer of uncoated freesheet in North America. PCA's Packaging segment includes 8 paper mills and 95 converting operations.

I have worked with Ross in his capacity as Chairman of the National Industrial Transportation League's (NITL) Rail Committee and find him to be fair, thoughtful, and collaborative. He has represented both PCA and NITL in proceedings before the Surface Transportation Board and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee earning the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the shipper / carrier debate. I have every confidence that Ross's passion for problem solving with a focus on fairness will make him a valuable addition to the RSTAC.

Thank you for considering Mr. Ross Corthell.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin G. Acker", written in a cursive style.

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