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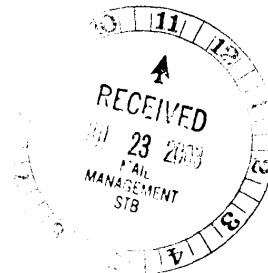
July 14, 2003

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N. W.
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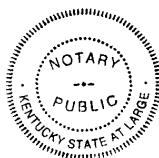
Dear Secretary Williams,

I am Mike Gilbert and I am Senior Product Manager for Griffin Industries in Cold Spring, KY. My company is manufacturer of animal proteins and fat. We ship approximately three to four hundred railcars per year to Mexico. Most all of this routed over the Union Pacific Railroad.

We have some concern over the proposed NAFTA RAIL. Specifically, we do not want to be put in a situation where rates will increase sharply and make it more difficult to do business. We wish to state our support for conditions that will guarantee continued competitive, efficient UP-TFM rail service via the Laredo gateway and that NAFTA Rail will abide by KCS's promises. If this is done, we are then in support of the proposal.

I, Mike Gilbert, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement.
Executed on July 14, 2003

Mike Gilbert



Ellen C. Goins
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Notary Public, State-at-Large, Ky
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