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Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Secretary Williams:

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I am writing to request participation of the United Transportation Union in the Wednesday, October 19, 2005 hearing on the impact, the effectiveness, and the future of the Staggers Rail Act of 1980.

The proposed speakers would be James Brunkenhoefer and James Stern, the time requested is 15 minutes and the topic would be the effect of the Staggers Act on rail employment and safety.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 202-543-7714.

Sincerely yours,

James Brunkenhoefer
National Legislative Director

Cc: Clint Miller, United Transportation Union

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