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The Honorable Roger P. Nober
Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
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Dear Chairman Nober:

I understand that the Surface Transportation Board will be holding a public hearing next week to recognize the 25th Anniversary of the Stagger Rail Act of 1980. Since a representative of United Sugars will not be present at the hearing, we would like you to know that, as a major shipper of sugar in the United States, we believe the Surface Transportation Board should promote a federal regulatory policy that does not inhibit the railroads from making the necessary investments to expand their rail infrastructure. In short, we believe the United States needs additional freight rail capacity.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our view.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Doxsie".

John Doxsie
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