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Very Esteemed Mr. Nober:

We are a private organization in Mexico representing the interests of the private industry in all transportation matters, since almost ten years now.

In such a role, it is our daily job to be aware of what is happening in everything related with transportation of goods and materials, not only in Mexico but abroad also.

We know that you are now giving serious consideration to the possibility of promoting federal regulations which may allow the private railroad companies in the United States to invest in the expansion of their current rail infrastructure, to be able to cope in the near future with the already expected growth in demand for their service.

Many of our associated companies are already users of the U.S. rail service, because their exports to your Country go by rail. It is actually a combination of rail and truck what is taking most of the cargo between Mexico and the United States, but given the long distances involved we do believe that the rail service is the one that has to grow now, to put things more in balance, from a cost competitive point of view.

Because of the above and bearing in mind the continuous growth of the commercial exchange that our globalized economies allow us to see for the immediate future, we want to express to you our simphaty for such new federal regulations which may encourage the railroad companies to invest more in their infrastructure, thus helping all of us to have more competitive basis on which make better business in both ways.

Hoping our comments may be of some help in your decision taking process, we remain

Sincerely Yours

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