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The Honorable Roger Nober
Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Nober:

I represent Arizona Grain Co located throughout Arizona with our main facility in Casa Grande, Arizona. Our business is the shipping of wheat and other grain which is transported via railway. A significant part of our product is transported by rail for export through Corpus Christie, TX ports.

Our current shipping totals approximately 10,000 rail cars per year. Our business is expanding at an unprecedented rate putting unparalleled stress on a rail system that is and has been in a period of constrained capacity for some time.

It is of the utmost importance that the rail industry be able to continue their investment in its infrastructure in order to meet the existing demands of its customers and provide for levels of anticipated growth in the future. In order to do this they will need the additional capital necessary to ensure further development in a rail system to meet capacity levels needed now and in the future.

Both Arizona Grain and others dependent on rail for economic expansion as well as the economic development of the nation depend on further expansion of the rail industry.

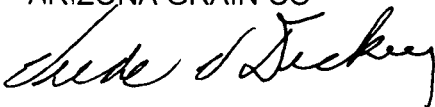
Since the inception of the Staggers Act of 1980, the rail industry has been able to develop a system that has made it possible to successfully meet the needs of its customers. However with such unprecedented growth in the various industries using rail, it is barely able to keep up.

Using rail to ship our product is vital to the growth of our business. Without an adequate rail system in place our growth and development will be jeopardized. With the rail system already constrained, it must move forward with investment in its infrastructure to meet its objective.

Necessary capital is crucial for the rail industry to meet the needs of its customers. It is imperative that no action be taken to undercut the availability of this necessary capital

Yours truly,

ARIZONA GRAIN CO



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