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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 670, 395
E Street, SW.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

ATTN: Mr. Scott Zimmerman

We would like to nominate Ben Sweat as a member of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee. Ben currently serves as the Vice President of Transportation for Poet Ethanol Products. In this capacity he represents the second largest marketer of fuel ethanol and one of the largest rail shippers of fuel ethanol in the United States.

Ben understands the requirements of the position and is willing to serve the two year term mentioned in the regulations.

Please accept this nomination even though it will be submitted past the deadline specified in the regulations. We have been working closely with the Renewable Fuels Association regarding this subject. This nomination was delayed due to confusion between our company and the Renewable Fuels Association regarding who should submit nominations for this committee.

Sincerely,

Christian McIlvain
Rail Portfolio Manager
Poet Ethanol Products