

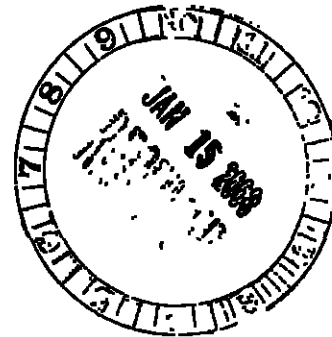


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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Surface Transportation Board
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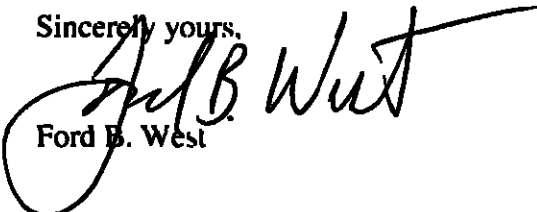
Dear Secretary Williams

The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) writes this letter in support of the petition for reconsideration filed on behalf of The National Industrial Transportation League, requesting reconsideration of the clarification issued by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in Ex Parte 385 (Sub-No. 6), Waybill Sample, decision served Dec. 17, 2007.

TFI is the national trade association representing fertilizer producers, retailers, wholesalers and importers. Fertilizers are largely transported by rail. TFI participated in the STB's rulemaking concerning fuel surcharges and we support many of the provisions in the final STB decision in this regard.

We strongly believe that fuel surcharge revenue should be separately reported by all rail carriers and hope that the STB will reconsider the clarification issued to provide such reporting in a waybill sample field established for the purpose of reporting fuel surcharge revenue.

Sincerely yours,


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