

May 10, 2024

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the below signed agricultural organizations, we write to express strong support for the designation of Robert Primus as Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) upon Chairman Martin Oberman's retirement.

As a Board member for the past three years, Mr. Primus has demonstrated exemplary commitment and dedication to the principles of proactive oversight in STB's regulation of the freight rail marketplace. Mr. Primus has been a leader in his push to improve rail service, create more rail-on-rail competition, and develop a more streamlined method for freight rail customers to challenge unreasonable rates.

The ability of the STB to follow through and pursue a modern and more balanced approach is dependent upon it having members that are knowledgeable and objective. We respectfully believe Mr. Primus exemplifies these principles. During his time at STB, Mr. Primus has built on his nearly 30 years of experience working on freight and passenger rail transportation policy issues in various staff positions in the U.S. Congress.

Given the important matters pending at the STB, we urge swift movement to appoint Robert Primus as Chairman of the STB immediately upon Chairman Oberman's departure.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association
American Cotton Shippers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Malting Barley Association
American Soybean Association
AmericanHort
Consumer Brands Association
Growth Energy
International Dairy Foods Association
International Fresh Produce Association
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National Grain and Feed Association
National Milk Producers Federation

National Oilseed Processors Association
North American Millers' Association
North American Renderers Association
Pet Food Institute
The Fertilizer Institute
US Rice Producers Association
USA Rice