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The Honorable Chip Roy 1005 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 Dear Representatives Graves, Crawford, Davis, Rouzer, Webster, Gibbs, LaMalfa, Scalise, Babin, Nehls, Curtis, McCaul, Wagner, Arrington, McClain, Bost, Carl, Jackson, Steel, Wittman, Van Drew, Burchett, Van Duyne, Salazar, Miller-Meeks, Fleischmann, Upton, Kelly, Lesko, Cline, Smith, Huizenga, Fischbach, Bergman, Gosar, Hern, Cole, Long, Fallon, Harshbarger, Nunes, Granger, Amodei, Rogers, Newhouse, Franklin, Pfluger, Smith, Gohmert, LaHood, Moore, Kustoff, Estes, Mace, Emmer, Giménez, Hudson, Miller, Smucker, Perry, Rutherford, Joyce, Williams, Griffith, Walberg, Guest, Rodgers, Malliotakis, McClintock, Valadao, Armstrong, Stauber, Bucshon, González-Colón, Moore, Bice, Fulcher, Ferguson, Westerman, Hartzler, Pence, Brady, Waltz, Cammack, Carter, Taylor, Bishop, LaTurner, Balderson, Roy, and Garbarino:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding President Biden's Executive Order entitled "Promoting Competition in the American Economy." We appreciate hearing your views on the Executive Order, as it relates to the freight railroad industry and the Surface Transportation Board (STB). The Executive Order expresses the policy of the Biden Administration.

As you know, the STB is an independent agency. Maintaining that independence is vital to our work. Consistent with the policy objectives set by Congress, contained in the rail transportation policy at 49 U.S.C. § 10101, the Board has adhered to the view that a competitive, sound, and efficient freight rail industry, as a key component of the Nation's transportation marketplace, is critical to the success of our larger economy. The Board will continue to pursue matters on its agenda which further that policy. Please be assured that the Board continues its commitment to maintaining a strong national rail network.

A copy of your letter has been added to the STB website as Non-Docketed Correspondence. If you or your staff have any further questions, please contact Ms. Janie Sheng, Acting Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

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