

February 29, 2024

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair
Committee on Commerce, Science &
Transportation
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science &
Transportation
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Cantwell and Ranking Member Cruz:

The undersigned groups representing agricultural producers and agribusinesses strongly endorse and respectfully urge you to confirm Patrick Fuchs for another term at the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

Mr. Fuchs has a deep understanding of the vital role the STB serves in the American supply chain given its charge to provide economic regulation for the freight rail industry. As a board member since 2019 he has intelligently shaped many rulemakings to help the rail industry better serve its customers and the American public.

Before his time on the Board, Mr. Fuchs served as senior professional staff member for surface transportation and merchant marine for the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and was instrumental in drafting the STB Reauthorization Act of 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015, and the Positive Train Control Enforcement and Implementation Act of 2015.

We strongly urge you to confirm Patrick Fuchs for a second term at the STB.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association
American Chemistry Council
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

Cc: Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate