October 27, 2022  
President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500  

RE: Administration Must Continue to Engage to Avoid a Rail Strike  

Dear President Biden:  

On behalf of the undersigned trade associations, we are writing to you today urging you to continue to work with the railroad unions and railroads to ensure that the tentative agreement that you helped broker is ratified by the parties. It is paramount that these contracts now be ratified, as a rail shutdown would have a significant impact on the U.S. economy and lead to further inflationary pressure.

We applaud your Administration for leading on this issue from the onset. With your help, from establishing the Presidential Emergency Board to involvement in the direct negotiations among the parties, the tentative agreement was reached on September 15. We have seen six of the twelve unions ratify the agreement to date.

Unfortunately, we have seen two unions reject the agreement and there are concerns that others may follow. If that were to be the case, we could witness a strike that would shut down the entire freight rail system. Because the White House played such a central role in the process, we believe it can be helpful in continuing to move the process forward in a positive direction. Otherwise, Congress will be called upon to act.

We continue to urge that the contracts be ratified to provide stability and predictability to the system. Your involvement can only help make that happen and ensure there is no interruption to rail service.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Agribusiness Association of Iowa  
AgriBusiness Association of Kentucky  
Agribusiness Council of Indiana  
Agricultural Retailers Association  
AgTC Agriculture Transportation Coalition  
Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute  
Airforwarders Association  
Alabama Beverage Association  
Alabama Trucking Association  
Alliance for Automotive Innovation  

Alliance of Wisconsin Retailers  
Aluminum Association  
American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA)  
American Association of Exporters and Importers  
American Bakers Association  
American Beverage Association  
American Building Materials Alliance  
American Chemistry Council  
American Composites Manufacturers Association  
American Down and Feather Council  
American Coatings Association
American Cotton Producers
American Cotton Shippers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Forest & Paper Association
American Foundry Society
American Frozen Food Institute
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Herbal Products Association
American Home Furnishings Alliance
American Lighting Association
American Petroleum Institute
American Pyrotechnics Association
American Seed Trade Association
American Soybean Association
American Spice Trade Association
American Trucking Associations
Arizona Beverage Association
Arizona Retailers Association
Arizona Trucking Association
Arkansas Grocers and Retail Merchants
Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA)
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated General Contractors of America
Associated Industries of Missouri
Association of Food Industries
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM)
Auto Care Association
Autos Drive America
Beer Institute
California Alfalfa and Forage Association
California Association for Local Economic Development
California Association of Wheat Growers
California Bean Shippers Association
California Building Industry Association
California Business Properties Association
California Chamber of Commerce
California Citrus Mutual
California Fresh Fruit Association
California Grain and Feed Association
California Retailers Association
California Rice Commission
California Seed Association
California Trucking Association
California Warehouse Association
Calorie Control Council
Can Manufacturers Institute
Carolina Feed Industry Association
CAWA – Representing the Automotive Parts Industry
Consumer Technology Association
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
Columbia River Customs Brokers and Forwarders Assn.
Color Pigments Manufacturers Association, Inc.
CONECT – Coalition of New England Companies for Trade
Connecticut Retail Merchants Association
Consumer Brands Association
Convenience Distribution Association
Corn Refiners Association
Cottonseed and Feed Association
Council of Fashion Designers of America
Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP)
Custom Brokers & Forwarders Assn. of Northern California
Customs Brokers & International Freight Forwarders Assn. of Washington State
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.
Experiential Designers & Producers Association
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association (FASA)
Florida Feed Association, Inc.
Florida Retail Federation
Florida Trucking Association
FMI – The Food Industry Association
Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America (FDRA)
Forest Resources Association
Fresh Produce Association of the Americas
Gemini Shippers Association (GEMINI)
Georgia Beverage Association
Georgia Motor Trucking Association
Georgia Retailers
Georgia Transportation Alliance
Glass Packaging Institute
Global Cold Chain Alliance
Grain and Feed Association of Illinois
Growth Energy
Halloween & Costume Association
Harbor Trucking Association
Hardwood Federation
Hazelnut Growers of Oregon
Hardwood Federation
Health Industry Distributors Association
Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association
Heating, Air-conditioning, & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)
Home Fashion Products Association
Hop Growers of America
Hospitality Minnesota
HR Policy Association
IAPD – the performance plastics association
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association
Illinois Retail Merchants Association
Indiana Motor Truck Association
Indiana Retail Council
Institute of Makers of Explosives
Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI)
Intermodal Association of North America
International Association of Movers
International Bottled Water Association
International Council of Shopping Centers
International Dairy Foods Association
International Food Additives Council
International Foodservice Distributors Association
International Franchise Association
International Fresh Produce Association
International Housewares Association
IWLA (International Warehouse Logistics Association)
Juice Products Association
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association
Kansas Beverage Association
Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Kansas Corn Growers Association
Kansas Grain and Feed Association
Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association
Kansas Livestock Association
Kentucky Grocers & Convenience Store Association
Kentucky Propane Gas Association
Kentucky Retail Federation
Leather and Hide Council of America
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Customs & Freight Brokers Assn.
Maine Beverage Association
Maryland Motor Truck Association
Maryland Retailers Association
Meat Import Council of America
Methanol Institute
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Chemistry Council
Michigan Retailers Association
Minnesota Grain and Feed Association
Minnesota Retailers Association
Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
Minnesota Trucking Association
Mississippi Lumber Manufacturers Association
Mississippi Trucking Association
Missouri Beverage Association
Missouri Limestone Producers Association
Missouri Retailers Association
Missouri Tire Industry Association
Montana Feed Association
Montana Retail Association
National Aquaculture Association
National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD)
National Association of Egg Farmers
National Association of Electrical Distributors (NAED)
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Cattlemen’s Beef Association
National Chicken Council
National Confectioners Association
National Cotton Council
National Cotton Ginners Association
National Cottonseed Products Association
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
National Fastener Manufacturers Association
National Fisheries Institute
National Grain and Feed Association
National Grange
National Grocers Association
National Industrial Transportation League
National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Milk Producers Federation
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Onion Association
National Pasta Association
National Pecan Shellers Association
National Pork Producers Council
National Potato Council
National Propane Gas Association
National Restaurant Association
National Retail Federation
National Sorghum Producers
Natural Products Association
NC Retail Merchants Association
Nebraska Cooperative Council
Nebraska Retail Federation
Nevada Trucking Association
New Hampshire Retail Association
New Jersey Motor Truck Association
New Jersey Retail Merchants Association
New York New Jersey Foreign Freight Forwarders & Brokers Association
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
North American Association of Utility Distributors (NAAUD)
North American Export Grain Association
North American Home Furnishings Association
North American Meat Institute
North American Millers' Association
North American Renderers Association
North Dakota Grain Growers Association
North Dakota Motor Carriers Association
Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance
Northwest Horticultural Council
Ohio AgriBusiness Association
Ohio Beverage Association
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
Ohio Soybean Association
Ohio Trucking Association
Oklahoma Beverage Association
Oregon Business & Industry
Orange County Business Council
Oregon Feed & Grain Association
Outdoor Industry Association
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Assoc. – The PCC
Pacific Coast Renderers Association
Pacific Coast Seed Association
Pacific Egg and Poultry Association
Pennsylvania Retailers’ Association
Pet Advocacy Network
Pet Food Institute
Petroleum Equipment Institute
Plumbing Manufacturers International
Portland Cement Association
PRINTING United Alliance
Promotional Products Association International (PPAI)
Railway Tie Association
Renew Kansas Biofuels Association
Retail Association of Maine
Retail Association of Nevada
Retail Council of New York State
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Retail Merchants of Hawaii
Retailers Association of Massachusetts
Rhode Island Trucking Association
RV Industry Association
San Diego District Customs Brokers Assn.
SC Retail Association
Shippers Coalition
SNAC International
Snowsports Industries America
SOCMA
South Carolina Trucking Association
South Dakota Agri-Business Association
South Dakota Association of Cooperatives
South Dakota Corn Growers Association
South Dakota Soybean Association
Southeastern Grain & Feed Association
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Southern California Leadership Council
Soy Transportation Coalition
Specialty Crop Trade Council
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Specialty Soya and Grains Alliance
Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA)
Tag and Label Manufacturers Institute
Tea Association of the U.S.A., Inc.
Texas Ag Industries Association
Texas Association of Manufacturers
Texas Beverage Association
Texas Chemical Council
Texas Farm Bureau
Texas Grain and Feed Association
Texas International Produce Association
The Association for Dressings & Sauces
The Fashion Jewelry and Accessories Trade Association (FJATA)
The Fertilizer Institute
The Green Coffee Association
The Sulphur Institute
The Toy Association
The Vinyl Institute
Transportation Intermediaries Association (TIA)
Travel Goods Association (TGA)
Trucking Association of New York
U.S. Apple Association
U.S. Fashion Industry Association
U.S. Meat Export Federation
United Dairymen of Arizona
United States Chamber of Commerce
USA Rice
Vinegar Institute
Virginia Agribusiness Council
Virginia Trucking Association
Washington Association of Wheat Growers

CC: Secretary Marty Walsh, U.S. Department of Labor
    Secretary Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Department of Transportation
    Secretary Gina Raimondo, U.S. Department of Commerce