

March 24, 2010

Ms. Nancy Hogan  
Special Assistant to the President and  
Director of Presidential Personnel  
1800 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Ms. Hogan:

On March 25, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act, Rail Labor submitted the name of Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., for re-nomination as the Labor Member of the Railroad Retirement Board. Mr. Speakman has honorably served as Rail Labor's representative on the Board since August 1992. During his tenure, Mr. Speakman has overseen the development and implementation of several key pieces of legislation which have greatly improved the benefit structure of our Retirement, Survivor, and Unemployment/Sickness Insurance programs while also securing the future financing for those programs. Moreover, through Mr. Speakman's direct efforts, the Railroad Retirement Board continues to receive the highest marks among all government agencies in overall customer service satisfaction.

To date, we have heard nothing regarding the status of Mr. Speakman's reappointment. Therefore, on behalf of the undersigned Rail Labor Chiefs, I respectfully request a status of Mr. Speakman's nomination. Rail Labor views this nomination as key to the continued security of our Railroad Retirement System and the protection it provides active and retired railroad workers and their families.

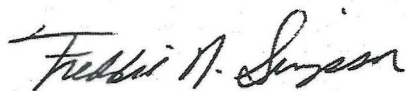
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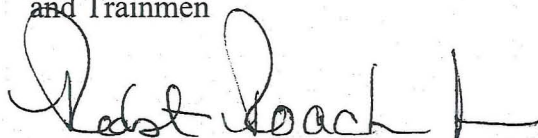
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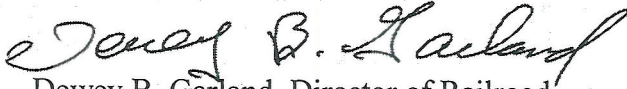
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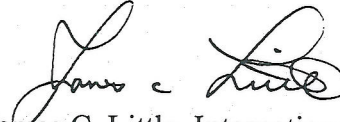
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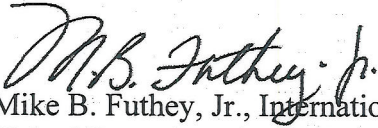
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cc: Edward Wytkind, President – Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO