

**Testimony of W. Douglas Buttrey
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Good morning Chairman Oberstar, Ranking Member Mica, and Members of the Committee.

My name is Douglas Buttrey. I have had the privilege to serve as a Member of the Surface Transportation Board since May 28, 2004, and currently I am the Board's Vice Chairman.

I appreciate the opportunity to appear before the Committee today as you conduct this hearing on rail competition and service. The Board's Chairman, Charles Nottingham, has submitted extensive testimony which discusses key issues before the Board and summarizes significant decisions that the Board has recently issued. The Chairman's testimony covers everything that I would have said, accurately and in detail. Rather than duplicating coverage of the same topics, I will instead associate myself with and endorse the Chairman's formal, filed testimony.

I stand ready to respond to any questions the Committee may wish to address to me.