

December 21, 2010

Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
Designated Agency Ethics Official
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W. Room 1116
Washington DC 20423-0001

Re: Ethics Agreement

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that I will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that I am confirmed for the position of Member of the Surface Transportation Board.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on my financial interests or those of any person whose interests are imputed to me, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me: any spouse or minor child of mine; any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner; any organization in which I serve as officer, director, trustee, general partner, or employee; and any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

Finally, I understand that as an appointee I am required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Executive Order No. 13490) and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this and any other ethics agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ann D. Begeman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ann" and last name "Begeman" clearly legible.

Ann D. Begeman