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Hon. Joseph H. Boardman
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
7th floor, Suite 7078
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Petition to amend FRA's safety appliance standards

Dear Administrator Boardman:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. section 211.7, enclosed is a petition to amend FRA's safety appliance standards. Inasmuch as this is the result of a collaborative effort involving the railroads, FRA, rail labor, private car owners, car builders, and Transport Canada, AAR hopes this petition can be granted expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,

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