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Within the next six months, the Senate Commerce Committee will be expected to evaluate and make recommendations to the Senate concerning the Final System Plan for reorganization of rail service in the 17 state region covered by the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973. The Preliminary System Plan has already been submitted to the Congress by the United States Railroad Association and is now being reviewed by the Rail Services Planning Office of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and by the staff of the Committee.

The Preliminary Plan has brought into focus a number of very important questions concerning the largest industrial reorganization ever attempted. The Senate Commerce Committee would very much appreciate any assistance **that the Office of Technology Assessment could provide in reviewing this** Plan and the issues it raises about the future of rail Service in this region which contains 42% of the Nations population and over 50% of the Nation's manufacturing production.

The Office of Technology Assessment could provide this Committee with assistance which would be tremendously useful and important in connection with our statutory responsibilities and we respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. In view of the extremely limited amount of time remaining to evaluate the Preliminary Plan, an Expedient consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

 WARREN G. MAGNUSON, Chairman


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Mr. Emilio Q. Daddario
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Dear Mr. Daddario:

I understand that in the immediate future, the Office of Technology Assessment will hold a board meeting to discuss future projects and the availability of funds for those projects. Since you will be making decisions with regard to funding priorities, I wish to bring to your attention the crucial need for adequate funding in the area of rail transportation.

In recent weeks, the staff of your Transportation Assessment Program has worked closely with the staff of " the Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce to ensure that the results of OTA's "Review of the Final System Plan" will be helpful to the Subcommittee in its consideration of such plan.

The Office of Technology Assessment is providing a much-needed service to Congress in that it has the resources -- in both money and manpower -- to conduct studies that will contribute to sound and responsible legislation. Further, studies of the rail problem at this time, will have immediate legislative benefit, since the Congress is presently considering the largest corporate and financial reorganization in history.

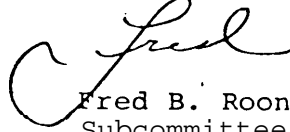
As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce, I would like to take this opportunity to underscore the importance of additional studies on rail transportation, and to commend the Office of Technology

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Assessment for the important research that has already
been undertaken.

I look forward to, our continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Fred', with a large, stylized initial 'F'.

Fred B. Rooney, chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation
and Commerce