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Dear Mr. Sussman:

I cordially invite you to participate in a Staff Workshop hosted by the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials on Monday, March 28, 2011. The workshop will run from 2:00 – 5:00 P.M. in room B-376 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The purpose of this workshop is to follow up on the Subcommittee's February 17, 2011 hearing titled "Sitting On Our Assets: Rehabilitating and Improving Our Nation's Rail Infrastructure," at which participants offered specific suggestions on how to improve the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) loan program. Attached to this invitation, please find a white paper outlining some ideas for discussion based on these suggestions.

Please be prepared to discuss these issues and any others you can bring to the table that you believe will improve the RRIF loan program or application process. To RSVP, please respond to Erin Sulla at the Subcommittee at Erin.Sulla@mail.house.gov by close of business on Thursday, March 24, 2011. Due to space constraints, please limit this invitation to yourself and one guest. If you or your staff have any questions or need further information, please contact me at the Subcommittee, (202) 226-0727.

Sincerely,

Joyce Rose
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