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Statement by CAGTC Executive Director Elaine Nettle: CAGTC Applauds Nomination of Michael Rutherford to Lead USDOT Multimodal Freight Office

WASHINGTON, DC (July 23, 2025) – The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) congratulates Michael Rutherford on his nomination to lead the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Office of Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy (Freight Office) as the Assistant Secretary for Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy. As the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation considers his nomination, CAGTC Executive Director Elaine Nettle offered the following statement:

"CAGTC applauds the nomination of Michael Rutherford to lead the USDOT Office of Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy, and thanks the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation for convening to consider his credentials. The timely nomination, made on March 24, 2025, demonstrates the Administration's commitment to ensuring the continued success of the Freight Office.

As a seasoned freight rail industry leader, Rutherford is well-suited to lead the Freight Office – a critical federal resource to the nation's supply chain partners who make up the backbone of the U.S. economy. Under Rutherford's leadership, the Freight Office will build on its important work, applying a national lens to navigate existing and emerging complexities throughout the U.S. freight network by helping the country respond to and mitigate supply chain disruptions, facilitating information sharing among stakeholders, and guiding strategic freight investment and policy decisions."

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About the Coalition

The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) is a diverse coalition of more than 60 public and private organizations dedicated to increasing federal investment in America's intermodal freight infrastructure. In contrast to single mode interests, CAGTC's main mission is to promote a seamless goods movement transportation system across all modes to enhance capacity and economic growth. For more information on the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, please visit www.tradecorridors.org

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