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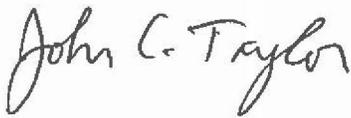
From the Editor...

Welcome to the Vol. 28 No 1 issue of the Journal of Transportation Management! This issue of the *Journal* starts with an article on the impact of lease accounting standards on airlines with operating leases, includes an article on crude oil transportation and railroad regulation, moves on to an article on refugee related international passenger transportation and the 4th Circuit Appeals Court decision on the transportation ban, and concludes with an article on the importance to students of various attributes used in evaluating internship vs. logistics positions.

Our first article looks at the increasing use of rail to transport crude oil and the railroads design of a safer rail car. The article questions why railroads would push to design this car given that they are protected from tort claims as long as they adhere to federal regulations. The article also questions why the railroads would push to have stricter standards enshrined in federal regulation. The second article examines the impact of lease accounting standards on airlines with operating leases. The results indicate that working capital, leverage, and solvency change dramatically in a negative direction when airlines use operating leases and their rankings amongst all airlines also change with implications for benchmarking performance. The third manuscript reviews the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals decision related to the Administration's transportation ban on refugee transportation from certain countries. The fourth article uses maximum difference scaling to look at the attributes that logistics students consider when evaluating logistics related internships and full time positions and whether there are differences in the variables considered most important. Significant differences in the most important variables were found and the findings should be of value to logistics employers.

At the *Journal*, we are continuing to make a number of changes that will improve the visibility of JTM, and improve its position in the supply chain publishing world. These include registering and updating journal information with several publishing guides, and placing the past and current content on services that provide visibility to Google Scholar.

I look forward to hearing from you our readers with questions, comments and article submissions. The submission guidelines are included at the end of this issue's articles and I encourage both academics and practitioners to consider submitting an article to the Journal. Also included in this issue is a subscription form and I hope you will subscribe personally, and/or encourage your libraries to subscribe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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