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The Honorable Ann Begeman
Acting Chairman
United States Surface Transportation Board

The Honorable Deb Miller
Vice Chairman
United States Surface Transportation Board

**RE: Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancies, STB
Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 10)**

Dear Acting Chairman Begeman and Vice Chairman Miller,

On behalf of the American Chemistry Council (ACC), I encourage the Board to name a shipper from the chemical industry to serve as a Large Shipper Organization representative to the Railroad-Shipper Advisory Council (RSTAC). In particular, I urge you to consider the nominations of two well-qualified candidates from ACC member companies.

The chemical industry is an important stakeholder on freight rail policy. The U.S. chemical industry is a \$768 billion enterprise and one of the largest customers of the U.S. freight rail system. In 2016, U.S. Class I railroads originated 2.1 million carloads of chemicals carrying 174.4 million tons and yielding \$9.9 billion in gross revenue. Our industry is experiencing tremendous growth, with over 318 announced new manufacturing projects representing a total of more than \$185 billion in new capital investment. Chemical shippers need a reliable and competitive rail network to support this tremendous growth in U.S. manufacturing, and the economic activity and job creation that comes along with it.

ACC member companies produce a wide variety of products that touch virtually every aspect of the economy. We are large shippers of both hazardous and non-hazardous materials. We, therefore, have broad experience and perspectives on transportation issues that would be uniquely valuable to the RSTAC.



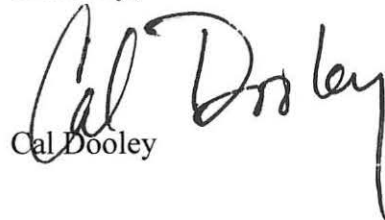
The STB has received nominations from two ACC member company representatives to serve as a Large Shipper Representative:

- Chad Mansfield from Shell Chemical; and
- Thomas Tirabassi from Olin Corporation.

Each of these individuals has extensive experience in rail service and supply chain logistics, and plays a leading role on policy matters impacting shippers. In addition, each is actively involved with industry transportation groups including ACC's Distribution Committee. Either candidate would immediately be able to provide valuable contributions to RSTAC discussions, and serve as a liaison between RSTAC and a broader shipper community.

I strongly encourage you to consider naming one of these individuals to serve on the RSTAC. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,



Cal Dooley