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The Honorable Ann Begeman, Chairman
The Honorable Patrick Fuchs, Vice-Chairman
The Honorable Martin Oberman, Member
United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Via Electronic Submission

**RE: Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancies
STB Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 13)**

Dear Chairman Begeman, Vice-Chairman Fuchs, and Board Member Oberman:

On behalf of the American Chemistry Council (ACC), I encourage the Board to name a representative 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 three 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 \$526 billion enterprise and one of the largest customers of the U.S. freight rail system. In 2018, U.S. Class I railroads moved 2.4 million carloads of chemicals. Our industry is experiencing tremendous growth, with over 300 announced new manufacturing projects representing a total of more than \$2 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 three ACC member company representatives to serve as a Large Shipper Representative:

- Dwight Price from DuPont; and
- Brian Vain from Olin Corporation.
- Joe Kelly from Shell;

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. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cal Dooley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Cal Dooley
President and CEO