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The Honorable Representative Bill Shuster
Chairman Transportation and Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
2268 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Extension of Positive Train Control Deadline
Request for Action to Grant Extension

Dear Representative Shuster:

I am writing this letter in request of your support for a logical extension to the current December 31, 2015 deadline for implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC) systems as mandated by the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA).

I believe that a bill containing a logical extension of the deadline needs to be passed by October 31st so that there are not disruptions in the rail traffic of the United States. Railroads, shippers, and receivers must start planning and initiate massive action plans in the final months of 2015 if the deadline is not moved.

We are an owner and lessor of rail freight cars. Our customers ship tons of bulk commodities to many locations throughout the United States.

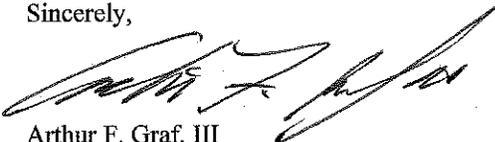
As you know, the technology required for implementation of PTC was not available at the time of the 2008 passage of the RSIA. Since then, although there have been great strides in the design of PTC including involvement of the FRA, securing of necessary frequency bands from the FCC, many installations involving motive power and wayside signals (the FCC being responsible for a 1-year moratorium on the installation of wayside antennas), and billions of dollars of investment by our nation's railroads, there is still much to do for PTC to be operative by 12/31/15 as directed in the RSIA.

It is vital that both the shippers, as well as their customers in your district, not suffer any disruption of business due to enforcement actions of the December 31, 2015 RSIA deadline as specified by FRA Acting Administrator Ms. Sarah Feinberg before the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

I am fully supportive of safer transportation for the benefit of users of, neighbors of, and all affected by rail transportation. Railroads have not been sitting idle in design and implementation of PTC. I believe a logical extension of the 2008 PTC deadline of 12/31/15 is in the best interests of all.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and involvement regarding PTC.

Sincerely,



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President