

October 21, 2015

The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Highways and Transit Subcommittee
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
Ranking Member
Highways and Transit Subcommittee
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jeff Denham
Chairman
Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials
Subcommittee
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael Capuano
Ranking Member
Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials
Subcommittee
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Shuster, Graves, and Denham and Ranking Members DeFazio, Norton, and Capuano,

The undersigned organizations represent industries with operations in every state, that have combined business revenues in excess of \$1 trillion, that employ millions of workers, and that have an enviable record of hazardous materials transportation safety and security.

We are writing to express our profound thanks to you for acting to address issues important to the hazardous materials transportation community included in Title VII of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act 2015. We have advocated for policies relating to the safe, secure and efficient transportation of hazardous materials and see these goals advanced in provisions that responsively address risk, improve administrative accountability and transparency, provide needed due process protections, and increase opportunities for hazmat training. These reforms are achieved without imposing onerous new user fees.

Again, we commend you for this bipartisan effort. We are committed to helping move these provisions forward and urge the support of all members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to support your hard work during the markup of this bill on October 22, 2015.

Warm regards,

Agricultural Retailers Association

Council on Safe Transportation of
Hazardous Articles

American Coatings Association

Dangerous Goods Advisory Council

American Pyrotechnics Association

Institute of Makers of Explosives

American Trucking Associations

International Vessel Operators Dangerous
Goods Association, Inc.

Association of Hazmat Shippers, Inc.

National Association of Manufacturers

National Association of Shell Marketers

The National Industrial Transportation
League

National Propane Gas Association

National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc.

Petroleum Marketers Association of
America

Radiopharmaceutical Shippers & Carriers
Conference

Reusable Industrial Packaging Association

Sporting Arms & Ammunition
Manufacturers' Institute

Truckload Carriers Association