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President and Chief Executive Officer

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**Via Email & Federal Express**

Honorable Bill Shuster  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2251 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Shuster,

J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc., one of the largest transportation logistics companies in North America, provides safe and reliable transportation services to a diverse group of customers throughout the continental United States, Canada and Mexico utilizing an integrated, multimodal approach.

We write today to urge Congress to extend the December 31, 2015 deadline for Positive Train Control (PTC) implementation on the nation's railroads. Failure to do so will have immediate and severe consequences for the U.S. consumer and the American economy.

Class I railroads in recent correspondence to the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee, indicated they will not meet the deadline and as a result will face significant constraints on their ability to operate trains over routes requiring PTC, effectively paralyzing their networks. This is simply not acceptable and calls for passage of an extension as soon as possible.

The timing of such an extension is important to our business as we must begin making logistical decisions several months in advance. If rail will not be a viable option on January 1, 2016, we are left with no acceptable options for moving the vast amount of freight throughout the country on short notice. The fact is that there is just not sufficient capacity to move the volume of freight moved by rail onto the highways without significant delays, congestion, increased accidents, and emissions. Intermodal movement of goods has many advantages including lower transportation costs to the shipping community and ultimately consumers.

Obviously, the impact to our company is sizable, but the ripple effect of these impacts, multiplied across the U.S. economy is catastrophic. Yet, they are preventable. The Senate recently took action by including a provision to extend the PTC deadline in H.R. 22, the DRIVE Act Surface Transportation Bill. While the outcome of the Surface Transportation Bill remains unclear, this is an important first step and we are hopeful an extension can move quickly through the legislative process.

We urge you to act expeditiously to extend the deadline requiring PTC for our nation's railroads.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John N. Roberts", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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