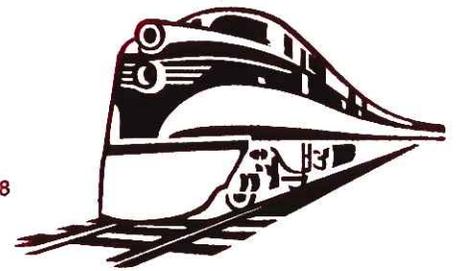


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The Honorable Bill Shuster
US House of Representatives
2268 Rayburn Building
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Dear Congressman Shuster:

In order to maintain and expand the capacity needed for our rail network to connect communities and companies with markets across the world, freight railroads are on track to spend \$29 billion on infrastructure this year. This massive private investment by freight railroads also contributes to freight rail's strong safety record. One specific area railroads are investing in to make our rail network even safer is Positive Train Control (PTC).

As I am sure you are aware, Congress mandated that PTC be installed on freight rail lines that carry passenger rail or certain types of hazardous materials by the end of 2015. Despite having already spent nearly \$6 billion to implement PTC and hiring 2,400 signal system personnel to implement PTC, freight railroads will be unable to meet that deadline because of the enormity of the task.

To put into perspective of the massiveness of PTC implementation, the system requires more than 30,000 antennas installed to cover over 60,000 miles of track. In addition, over 22,500 locomotives must be upgraded with PTC technology, all while being interoperable between each of the nation's railroads. Rushing development of technology that did not exist when Congress passed its mandate would increase the likelihood of the system not operating as it should.

With so many Kentucky companies dependent on rail for the timely delivery of goods and raw materials, it is critical that PTC implementation be done in a way that will ensure success.

Failure to do so could cause congestion on our rail network, negatively impact moving freight by rail, as well as, passenger rail service. For this reason, I ask that you support legislation that provides a reasonable and necessary extension that allows freight and passenger railroads the time needed to fully implement and test PTC.

Sincerely,

Craig M. King
President and CEO