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Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Elliott,

By this letter, E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company is urging the Surface Transportation Board to enforce the common carrier obligation of American railroads beyond the current Positive Train Control (PTC) implementation deadline of December 31, 2015. PTC is a technical system designed to monitor and control train movements to provide increased safety.

DuPont has been bringing world-class science and engineering to the global marketplace in the form of innovative products, materials, and services since 1802. The company believes that by collaborating with customers, governments, NGOs, and thought leaders we can help find solutions to such global challenges as providing enough healthy food for people everywhere, decreasing dependence on fossil fuels, and protecting life and the environment.

Under the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008, railroads are required to implement PTC by December 31, 2015 on lines that ship toxic inhalation hazard (TIH) chemicals and on passenger rail. TIH chemicals include chlorine, anhydrous ammonia, ethylene oxide and hydrogen fluoride. TIH products are essential to water treatment, auto manufacturing, pharmaceutical production, aerospace, agriculture, forestry and fishing, telecommunications, computers and electronics, and electric power transmission and distribution.

The Class I railroads, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the Government Accountability Office have all said that the December 31, 2015 deadline for PTC implementation is unattainable. While we believe railroads have a common carrier obligation to continue to ship these essential products, we are nevertheless concerned about a possible disruption based on recent comments from the railroad industry. We believe that it is of the utmost importance for the Surface Transportation Board to uphold the common carrier obligation of the railroad industry to continue to transport TIH products beyond December 31, 2015.

TIH materials are essential to the economy and public health. We are concerned that railroads will attempt to refuse shipments of these products. At DuPont we use a variety of TIH materials in the production of our products. These include Nomex[®], a fire-resistant fiber that helps protect our military and firefighters; Kevlar[®], a bullet-proof/resistance fiber that is used in many military and law enforcement applications; and crop protection products that assist growers both in domestic and world agricultural production. If we are unable to receive TIH materials it will cause a disruption in the production and transportation of these materials to our other facilities and will have a negative impact on our customers, including the government, military operations and farmers.

Given that PTC will not be fully implemented and tested, and railroad employees will not be fully trained by the end of the year, we urge the Surface Transportation Board to take timely action to uphold the railroads' common carrier obligation after December 31, 2015 and avoid any disruption of the shipment of these critical products.

We appreciate your attention to this issue and urge you to take immediate action in this regard. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Sheridan, in DuPont Government Affairs, at 202-728-3634 or Kelly.Sheridan@dupont.com.

Sincerely,

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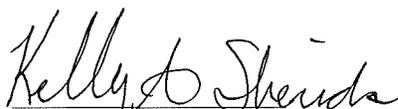
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