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RE: Nomination of John O'Leary, Director, Logistics Services, Arkema Inc.
Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC)
Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 3)

Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Mr. John O'Leary, Director of Logistics Services for Arkema, for a position on the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC).

Mr. O'Leary has thirty-five years of experience in rail transportation, logistics and shipping, including his current role managing and supporting shipping activities at Arkema. Arkema has operations in seventeen states with thirty manufacturing and research facilities employing over 2,600 people across the United States. The company's operation includes a major research and development facility in Cary, North Carolina, which is located in my congressional district. Shipments of both hazardous (including TIH chemicals) and non-hazardous chemicals by rail are critical to Arkema's business, which includes manufacturing key products and materials that are important to multiple industries.

If selected to serve on the RSTAC, I am confident that Mr. O'Leary would be a great asset. In addition to his experience serving in various key supply chain positions within Arkema and its predecessor companies, Mr. O'Leary also has experience working on rail regulations and policy development. He has served as past president of the National Freight Transportation Association and has previously testified before the Surface Transportation Board and the Federal Railroad Administration on rail and shipper issues. He currently serves on the American Chemistry Council's Distribution Committee, which reviews and analyzes rail and transportation issues affecting the chemical manufacturing industry.

In light of his distinguished record and expertise on rail transportation policy and activities, I respectfully request that you give Mr. O'Leary all due consideration for a position on the RSTAC. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Price

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