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Ms. Cynthia I. Brown  
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RE: STB Docket No. EP 698

Dear Ms. Brown,

The August 3, 2010 announcement by the Board of the formation the Toxic by Inhalation Hazard Common Carrier Transportation Advisory Committee (TIHCCTAC) is a welcome move that will hopefully bring both railroads and TIH shippers together on this very important issue. Our nation's economy needs a well thought-out solution to the rate and liability challenges currently facing this sector

In reviewing the Board's full decision, I am concerned, however, that the new committee does not include broader representation of the TIH shipper community. According to the Department of Transportation there are more than 20 TIH materials that are shipped by rail. While chlorine and anhydrous ammonia represent over 78 percent of total TIH shipments, other materials play a critical role for U.S. industry and consumers every day. The current committee proposed by the Board does not ensure that shippers of these non-chlorine/non-anhydrous ammonia TIH materials will be able to add their experiences and knowledge to this important discussion.

These issues impact TIH shippers and users in Minnesota, and the recommendations made by the TIHCCTAC committee will have an impact on their operations. As such, I urge the Board to adjust the final committee structure to better represent the full field of TIH material shippers.

Sincerely,

TIM WALZ  
Member of Congress