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ACC WELCOMES NEW SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON (January 22, 2021) – President Biden [designated](#) Martin J. Oberman as the new Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board. Oberman had been serving as Vice Chairman and [replaces Ann Begeman](#) as Chairman.

The following statement can be attributed to the [American Chemistry Council's President & CEO, Chris Jahn](#):

"We thank President Biden for acting quickly to fill this important leadership position, and we welcome Martin Oberman to his role as the new Chair of the Surface Transportation Board (STB). He will bring several years of Board experience to the job, including his tenure as Vice Chair, as well as his many years of transportation experience prior to serving on the STB. Chairman Oberman will also benefit from the recent addition of two highly qualified members, Mr. Primus and Ms. Schultz who were added to the Board earlier this year."

"We would also like to thank outgoing Chair Ann Begeman for her leadership on tackling service issues and excessive charges related to the adoption of Precision Scheduled Railroading."

"Modernizing our nation's freight rail policies is critical to helping build back our economy and grow U.S. manufacturing. We look forward to working with Chairman Oberman and the other members of the Board to adopt much needed reforms that will ensure large and small businesses have access to affordable and reliable service."

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