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U.S. SENATOR JOHN KENNEDY PRESENTED WITH INAUGURAL RAIL SAFETY ADVOCATE AWARD

American Chemistry Council honors Senator for his dedication and leadership in keeping nation’s railways ‘safe, affordable and reliable’

WASHINGTON (March 26, 2019) – U.S. Sen. John Kennedy of Louisiana has been selected as the recipient of the inaugural Rail Safety Advocate Award, the American Chemistry Council (ACC) announced today. This award recognizes an individual who has shown outstanding commitment and dedication to rail safety.

“Sen. Kennedy has demonstrated true leadership in helping ensure our nation’s railroads are safe, affordable and reliable now and for future generations,” said ACC President and CEO Cal Dooley. “That is why he is most deserving of our inaugural Rail Safety Advocate Award.”

Sen. Kennedy’s efforts included hosting a field hearing in New Orleans to gather information for the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship. The November hearing addressed safety and cost issues facing the nation’s railroads, shippers and manufacturers. “The biggest issue is public safety. After that comes cost and efficiency,” Sen. Kennedy said after the hearing.

“On behalf of the American Chemistry Council, I commend Sen. Kennedy for his tremendous leadership and dedication to keeping our nation’s railroads safe,” Dooley said. “Sen. Kennedy is a passionate and effective advocate for rail safety, and we are all grateful for his longtime commitment and public service.”

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