

January 10, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President-Elect
1100 S. Ocean Blvd.
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

Dear President Trump,

On behalf of our member companies, the American Chemistry Council urges you to move quickly after taking office to designate one of the current members of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to serve as Chair of the agency. We strongly support the selection of Patrick Fuchs to fill this critical role.

ACC represents more than 190 of America's leading chemical companies. Our members produce a wide variety of chemicals, polymers, and related products that make our lives and our world healthier, safer, more productive, and more sustainable. The business of chemistry supports over 25% of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product and directly touches nearly all manufactured goods. Our industry is one of the largest freight rail customers, shipping 2.1 million carloads annually. We rely on a strong, resilient, and efficient freight transportation network to support our domestic and international supply chains.

The STB plays a crucial role for ACC members and other freight rail shippers. Board Member Fuchs has been instrumental in many Board initiatives, including modernizing freight rail policies and more effectively addressing service problems that have threatened the nation's supply chains. Strong STB leadership is needed now more than ever to address longstanding freight rail challenges and prevent future disruptions.

ACC strongly believes that, as STB Chair, Mr. Fuchs will help continue to move the country's freight rail policies forward. We welcome the opportunity to work with your Administration on transportation issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Jahn".

Chris Jahn
President and CEO