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Rail Customer Coalition
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To the Members of the Rail Customer Coalition:

CSX was greatly disappointed with your many unfounded and grossly exaggerated statements in your letter of August 14th related to the service experienced by some customers as we implement Precision Scheduled Railroading, which has a proven history and long track record of delivering superior transportation services for customers. Though you did not extend us the courtesy of discussing those concerns with us first, most likely because your statements were made to advance your longstanding attack on the balanced approaches of the Staggers Act, we wanted to respond to you directly, and set the record straight.

Let me first be clear on what CSX is working aggressively to accomplish, and the results those efforts are already producing. The overriding objective of CSX's new operating plan is to provide superior and reliable service to our customers that provides them with a competitive advantage and contributes to American business success. The changes we are implementing today will deliver measurable improvements in key service metrics, resulting in our customers' freight moving more consistently, reliably and cost efficiently across the CSX network.

We are already seeing improvements, and we are intensely focused on delivering on that stated goal.

These transformational changes in many cases are profound. They require significant investment in our network and training for our employees, as well as adjustments on how we move freight for our customers. In the midst of our efforts, there have been some unfortunate disruptions to our service, which we are addressing aggressively.

The entire CSX team is in real-time dialogue with our customers, industry officials and regulators. We are working 24/7 to make the changes necessary to improve our ability to address customer concerns and to improve the flow of information. We are quickly optimizing our operating plan, asset utilization and increased deployment of resources in ways that will deliver direct benefits to customers.

Since coalitions do not have service issues, we do not intend to continue a discussion with you about the service we provide to our customers. We are also aware that not all members of your coalition were informed of your letter in advance and some do not agree with your position.

We will continue to work directly with our customers to address their concerns as we move forward, and encourage them to continue bringing issues to our attention as we accelerate our new operating plan. However, should your coalition wish to discuss the other completely unrelated topics like reciprocal switching which are more central to your agenda, we always welcome the opportunity to meet or talk with you at any time.

We welcome the continued engagement of the expert Surface Transportation Board staff and respect their authority. We will continue to work with them as they monitor our ongoing improvement. We are confident our customers will benefit greatly as we expand these operational improvements across our network, and we are focused on delivering even more reliable service and improved asset utilization.

CSX appreciates the trust that customers place in us and our dedication to them is unwavering. We remain committed to continue meeting customers' business needs as we move forward.

Sincerely,



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- Agricultural Retailers Association
 - Alliance for Retail Competition
 - Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
 - American Chemistry Council
 - American Forest & Paper Association
 - American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers Association
 - American Malting Barley Association, Inc.
 - American Petroleum Institute
 - Association of Global Automakers
 - Beer Institute
 - Chemical Industry Council of Delaware
 - Chemistry Council of Missouri
 - Chemistry Council of New Jersey
 - The Chlorine Institute
 - Corn Refiners Association

The Fertilizer Institute
Georgia Chemistry Council
Glass Packaging Institute
Global Automakers
Grocery Manufacturers Association
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International Warehouse Logistics Association
Louisiana Chemical Association
Manufacture Alabama
Manufacturers Association of Florida
Massachusetts Chemistry & Technology Alliance, Inc.
Michigan Chemistry Council
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Farmers Union
National Industrial Transportation League
New York State Chemistry Council
North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance
Ohio Chemistry Technology Council
Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council
Private Railcar Food and Beverage Association
South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association, Inc.
Steel Manufacturers Association
The Sulphur Institute
Texas Chemical Council
The Vinyl Institute
Virginia Chemistry Council
Virginia Forestry Association
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The Honorable Michael Capuano, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Railroads,
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