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**SUMMARY OF SUBJECT MATTER**

**TO:** Members of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials

**FROM:** Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Staff

**SUBJECT:** Hearing on "Railroad and Hazardous Materials Transportation Programs: Reforms and Improvements to Reduce Regulatory Burdens"

**PURPOSE OF HEARING**

The Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials is scheduled to meet on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in 2167 Rayburn House Office Building to receive testimony from rail stakeholders regarding legislative priorities for changes or reforms to current law rail authorizations and administrative regulatory policies, particularly in the areas of intercity passenger rail, high-speed rail, rail safety, and rail financing. Additionally, the Subcommittee will receive testimony from hazardous materials transportation stakeholders regarding legislative priorities for reauthorization of the hazardous materials transportation safety programs at the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation. The current authorization for these programs, the Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005, expired on September 30, 2008.

**INVITED WITNESSES**

The Honorable Christopher A. Hart  
Vice Chairman  
National Transportation Safety Board

The Honorable Joseph Boardman (or his designee)  
President  
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Edward R. Hamberger  
President and CEO  
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Richard F. Timmons  
President  
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William Millar  
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Thomas Hart  
Vice President, Government Affairs and General Counsel  
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Executive Director  
Association of Independent Passenger Rail Operators

Eric Madden  
Deputy Secretary for Aviation, Rail Freight, Ports and Waterways  
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National Legislative Director  
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Freddie Simpson  
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Gary Self  
Vice President & General Manager  
Nelson Brothers, Inc.  
Representing the Institute of Makers of Explosives

John Conley  
President  
National Tank Truck Carriers

Cal Dooley (or his designee)  
President and CEO  
American Chemistry Council

Kevin O'Connor  
Assistant to the General President  
International Association of Firefighters