



January 10, 2025

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation
554 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation
254 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

We write to you on behalf of the Alliance for Chemical Distribution (ACD) and the American Chemistry Council (ACC) to support the confirmation of Sean Duffy as Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOT or "Department"). Mr. Duffy has a proven track record of getting things done and fighting for the American people while serving as a congressman for nine years. If confirmed as DOT Secretary, ACD and ACC are confident that he will lead the Department with integrity and further guide the DOT toward its mission of improving America's transportation system.

ACD supports and champions the chemical distribution experts the world depends on to safely, reliably, responsibly, and sustainably move the chemical products essential to our daily lives. ACD's more than 400 chemical distribution industry members are primarily small, multi-generational family-owned businesses. 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, and more productive.

The business of chemistry supports over 25% of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product and directly touches nearly all manufactured goods. ACD and ACC members rely on all modes of transportation to deliver chemicals crucial to everyday life and the chemical industry is

one of the largest shipping customers for both freight rail and trucking. These chemicals are used in critical functions such as water treatment, food production, healthcare, and much more. We rely on a strong, resilient, and efficient freight transportation network to support our domestic and international supply chains.

It is critical that the DOT, and agencies within the Department such as the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, put forward regulatory solutions that empower American businesses to fully utilize the United States' dynamic transportation system. This is especially important when considering the several supply chain crises the country has endured in just the past few years. Mr. Duffy's experience working across the aisle in Congress on finding solutions demonstrates his ability to guide the DOT and its agencies to future success.

ACD and ACC believe that Mr. Duffy would effectively lead the Department in improving the country's transportation system. We strongly recommend confirming Mr. Duffy as DOT Secretary.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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