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The Honorable Thomas Carper
U.S. House of Representatives
513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Carper:

Thank you for your leadership in introducing S. 575, the "Clean, Low-Emission, Affordable, New Transportation Efficiency Act" (CLEAN TEA).

As you noted in your introductory statement, "[O]ne area that has not received enough attention or comprehensive treatment in climate change proposals is the transportation sector." We fully agree.

Freight railroads move a ton of freight an average of 457 miles on just one gallon of fuel, making rail at least three times more fuel-efficient than trucks. In fact, if just 10 percent of the long-distance freight that currently moves by truck moved by rail instead, fuel savings would exceed one billion gallons each year – and greenhouse gas emissions would fall by more than 12 million tons.

S. 575 would dedicate a portion of the auction proceeds from a future climate change bill to transportation projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Eligible projects would be anything that is proven to reduce greenhouse gases, including "additional freight rail capacity."

We are pleased to endorse the approach taken by S. 575 and we look forward to working with you as the bill moves ahead.

Sincerely

Edward R. Hamberger