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Hon. Vernon Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street NW  
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Dear Secretary Williams,

Celanese is in support of the position taken by CSX Transportation Inc. that transportation of materials by rail is a national issue and should be determined by Federal law.

Safe and efficient movement of our products throughout the country is critically important to our company. Significant actions are taken every day both within our business and in partnership with government and our carriers to insure the safe delivery of these basic materials.

Residents around the county are concerned with the potential for terrorism, and so are we. However the products dependent on rail transportation are expected to be delivered on time for our society to function. That's why we must look at this with a national perspective to ensure everyone's concerns are addressed.

Please consider the implications of the ordinance recently passed by the City Council of the District of Columbia on existing rail infrastructure and current railroad capabilities. Allowing local governments to decide to ban the movement of these materials will not improve our overall safety and security.

Sincerely,

*Jerry Ferrara*