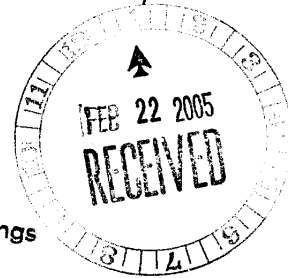


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LaRoche Industries Inc. is a shipper and receiver of Anhydrous Ammonia and other chemicals and safety during transit and at all times is our number one concern, however we are very troubled by the proposed restriction by Washington D.C. We understand the concern for safety for our nations' Capitol. But we think that if this proposal is allowed to become law it will have a grave effect on interstate transportation. No doubt if this becomes law in Washington D.C other Cities and States will adopt a "ME TO" law.

The railroads have a proven record for safety, many will argue it's the most safe way to move the many labeled "Hazardous Materials" by bulk that the American people require for the quality of life we have today.

For the good of interstate and intrastate commerce and the continuance of the quality of life we have in America that the Surface Transportation Board exercise it's control over interstate traffic to prevent this from becoming law.

Sincerely,

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