

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 27, 2023

Mr. Alan H. Shaw  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
650 W. Peachtree Street NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We write to share our concerns over the frequency and content of communications between Norfolk Southern Corporation (“NS”) and the local first responders and municipal officials in the communities we represent across Pennsylvania.

In addition, we write to share our concerns about, and request your immediate attention to improve, the sharing of information and resources between NS and the designated Emergency Coordinators for the counties in our congressional districts.

As you know, Pennsylvania has a long and storied history with the rail industry. Towns across the Commonwealth were founded and developed along rail lines in the 19th century, and many, like Altoona, owe their very creation to the Pennsylvania Railroad. Because of when and how Pennsylvania developed, rail lines run through the center of many of our communities, causing NS trains to operate in close proximity to our schools, churches, playgrounds, businesses, and homes.

The recent derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, has demonstrated the need for communities to be prepared for the possibility of accidents on the railroads and the potential effects that follow. Of particular concern are those trains and railroads on which NS transports hazardous materials. While we recognize that these materials are integral to our economy, we are also acutely aware of the devastating short- and long-term health effects on our constituents if these materials are released in a derailment. To protect the lives and livelihoods of our constituents, it is critical that community first responders and County Emergency Coordinators have the information and resources they need to prepare appropriately and react effectively to these events.

As such, we respectfully request that you respond to the following questions regarding how NS communicates and works with our local and county officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

- What is your procedure for notifying local first responders in the event of an accident, derailment, or fire?
- Do you notify first responders if the incident happens on NS’s property? Would you consider adopting procedures to inform local communities when any incident occurs regardless of where it occurs?

- What resources are available for first responders to find out the contents of a certain train or railcar?
- Rural Pennsylvania has large areas that suffer from a lack of broadband access. How can Norfolk Southern work with first responders in these areas to receive critical information about an incident?
- Do County Emergency Coordinators have access to a list of chemicals that are being transported through their county annually? If so, how can you make this information more available to them since few have it? If not, would you be willing to do so?

As NS reevaluates its safety procedures considering the recent accidents, we ask that you keep these questions and concerns in mind. We thank you for your time and attention, and we look forward to your prompt response.

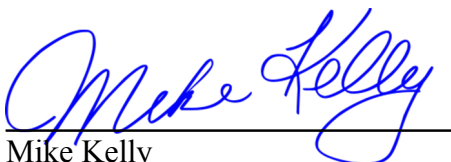
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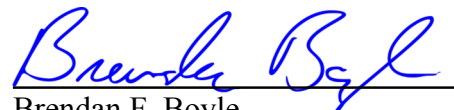
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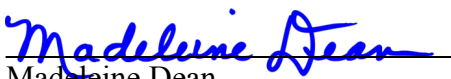
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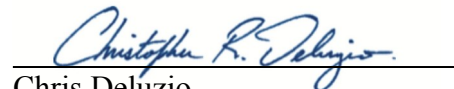
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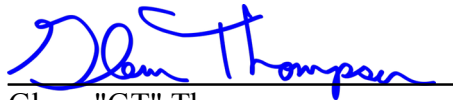
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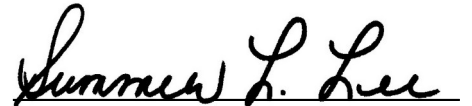
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