



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Railroad
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

December 29, 2020

Mr. James Tymon
Executive Director
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
555 12th Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Tymon:

Since becoming Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in February 2018, one of my highest priorities has been to help ensure that the railroad industry fully implements positive train control (PTC) systems on all required main lines by December 31, 2020, in accordance with the statutory mandate and FRA's regulations.

On behalf of FRA and myself, I want to thank the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials for facilitating a significant industry-wide accomplishment—the railroad industry's full implementation of FRA-certified and interoperable PTC systems on all PTC-mandated main lines before the statutory deadline of December 31, 2020.

With your continued support, the railroad industry implemented PTC technology on over 57,500 route miles throughout the country. This achievement encompasses over a decade of sustained commitment, thousands of hours of testing and deployment, innovative technological solutions, along with a tremendous amount of coordination and collaboration among nearly 100 host and tenant railroads, railroad associations, material suppliers, and service providers. FRA looks forward to overseeing the further advancements to rail safety that PTC technology will enable.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald L. Batory", written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Ronald L. Batory
Administrator