

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 30, 2015

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

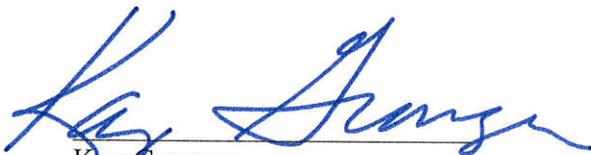
As members of the Texas delegation, we write to express concerns with the impending December 31, 2015 deadline for implementing Positive Train Control (PTC) safety technology on railroads nationally. As you know, Congress included the PTC mandate in the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

PTC utilizes cutting-edge technology to automatically stop a train before an accident can occur. This new technology must be installed on approximately 60,000 miles of track and 20,000 locomotives. We recognize the need for PTC and fully support its implementation as soon as possible.

Despite billions of dollars in investment by the railroad companies, unforeseen regulatory and technological issues have created substantial delays. Additional time is still needed to finish installing PTC technology, train thousands of employees, and thoroughly test these brand-new systems. It is clear that most railroads will be unable to comply with the December 31 deadline.

Unless Congress acts to extend the deadline, railroads may be forced to shut down. A shutdown of the nation's rail network would cripple our transportation system and have a significant impact on our economy. We understand that railroads and their customers will begin considering their options well in advance of the December 31, 2015 deadline. Consequently, we support Congress acting to extend the deadline to implement PTC as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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