

United States Senate

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The Louisiana Chemical Association
C/O Mr. Dan Borne
Executive Director
2040 One American Place
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70825

Dear Mr. Borne:

Don,

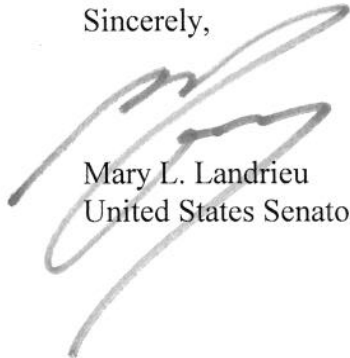
Thank you for the time that the members of the Louisiana Chemical Association have taken to illustrate the crises confronting themselves and other sectors of American manufacturing. As I said at the New Orleans meeting this week, I am persuaded by the case you have made for S. 919, the Railroad Competition Act, and have decided to add my name as a co-sponsor of this legislation.

After talking to both sides on this difficult issue, I have concluded that the current railroad pricing regime is detrimental to both America's competitiveness and Louisiana's economy. As the Surface Transportation Board has not solved this problem through the administrative process, the steps outlined in S.919 have become necessary.

Please share my thoughts with your membership and thank them for giving me the opportunity to visit with them this past Wednesday. I enjoyed sharing ideas on a variety of issues important to Louisiana's economy and business climate. I look forward to working with you and your association on many matters of mutual concern in the future.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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