

General Talking Points on Cohen (#8) Amendment-Limiting Toxic Inhalants

- The amendment offered by the gentleman from Tennessee requires DOT, in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security, to establish a program with state and local governments to enable toxic inhalation materials to be purchased from suppliers in such a way as to minimize the need for transporting the materials.
- Transporting toxic materials through communities on rail exposes those communities to great risk if rail cars are damaged accidentally or as a result of attack.
- If we could minimize the need to transport these materials by rail, we can reduce the risk of people being harmed.
- Industry can get the chemicals they need to do business, and local communities can breathe easy that these dangerous substances are not being transported through their backyards.