

Jennifer Homendy took the oath of office as the 44th Member of the National Transportation Safety Board on August 20, 2018. She is a tireless advocate for safety and brings to the Board expertise in rail, pipeline, and hazardous materials safety.

From 2004-2018, Homendy served as the Democratic Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, which is under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I Committee) of the United States House of Representatives.

During her tenure as Staff Director, Homendy guided major pieces of rail, pipeline, and hazardous materials safety legislation through the legislative process, including the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432, Division A), the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432, Division B), the Pipeline, Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006, the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2016, the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2016, and the Norman Y. Mineta Research and Special Programs Improvement Act of 2004, which created the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), an agency charged with overseeing the safety of our nation's pipelines and hazardous materials transportation within the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Throughout her tenure on the T&I Committee, she was an unwavering defender of transportation safety and worked to implement numerous safety recommendations proposed by the NTSB, including installation of excess flow valves in distribution pipelines and implementation of positive train control (PTC).

In 2010, Homendy spearheaded the T&I Committee's extensive oversight investigations of the Enbridge pipeline spill in Marshall, Michigan, and PHMSA, which led to major safety improvements in pipeline and hazardous materials safety. In 2017 and 2018, she led a multimodal review of DOT's drug and alcohol testing program which identified significant safety gaps in the program.

Member Homendy is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University. She is also certified by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications on Core HazMat Operations and Missions-Specific PPE and Product Control (hazmat operations level training).