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As Director of Transportation with the Chemistry Industry Association of Canada (CIAC), Kara is the public face and principal coordinator for the industry's commitment to the safe transportation of chemicals. She leads CIAC's advocacy on freight rail issues and has revitalized the industry's TRANSCAER® outreach initiative. Kara also plays an important role in bringing together and strengthening collaboration between chemical manufacturers, carriers and emergency responders through the Transportation Emergency Assistance Program (TEAP® III). Additionally, she manages the interface of industry and government interests as the coordinator of the Multi-Association Committee on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods and contributes to a wide range of processes related to the transportation of dangerous goods and freight rail policy in Canada.

Prior to joining the association, Kara honed her research and analytical skills working in several federal government departments. She holds a Masters of Arts degree in Public and International Affairs from the University of Ottawa.