

## RAIL CUSTOMER COALITION

# FREIGHT RAIL REFORM: BEDROCK FOR A STRONGER SUPPLY CHAIN

## As Competition Decreases, Freight Rail Problems Increase

With 4 mega-railroads controlling 90% of rail traffic in the U.S., **service cuts and restrictions, including embargoes, have increased** – resulting in shipment delays that **disrupt the production of everyday goods and weaken the supply chain.**

**To make matters worse, rail rates have increased by over 40%** from 2004-2019. In addition, the railroads have added dozens of fees – like fuel surcharges, demurrage fees, empty freight fees, and diversion charges.

## Freight Rail Reform is Needed NOW ... America Can't Afford to Wait Any Longer

**Railroads are failing to deliver** for their shipping customers, American families, and the economy. Rail problems are driving up prices and disrupting deliveries for food, fuel, and countless other goods that Americans rely on.



**Policymakers should adopt these reforms to help get freight rail back to work for American businesses and consumers:**



### Increase Rail-to-Rail Competition

Remove regulatory barriers to competitive rail service by updating the Surface Transportation Board's (STB) reciprocal switching rules.



### Fight Monopoly Pricing

Develop an economic model to measure how much more rail shippers must pay when they lack competitive transportation options.



### Pass the Reliable Rail Service Act

Help the STB modernize its policies and better address today's rail service challenges.

The Rail Customer Coalition (RCC) is a large collection of trade associations representing a broad cross section of manufacturing, agricultural, logistics, and energy industries. RCC members are major transportation stakeholders, accounting for more than half of the total volume of cargo shipped by rail and generating more than three-quarters of the revenues collected by the railroads.

## Groups Participating in the Coalition Include:

American Bakers Association  
Agricultural Retailers Association  
Agriculture Transportation Coalition  
Alliance for Automotive Innovation  
Alliance for Rail Competition  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Chemistry Council  
American Coatings Association  
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Malting Barley Association, Inc.  
American Petroleum Institute  
American Public Power Association  
Associated Industries of Massachusetts  
Association of Global Automakers  
Chemistry Council of Missouri  
Chemistry Council of New Jersey  
Chemical Industry Council of California  
Chemical Industry Council of Delaware  
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois  
Consumer Brands Association  
Corn Refiners Association  
The Chlorine Institute  
Defoamer Industry Trade Association  
Edison Electric Institute  
The Fertilizer Institute  
Freight Rail Customer Alliance  
Foundry Association of Michigan  
Georgia Chemistry Council  
Glass Packaging Institute  
Global Automakers  
Growth Energy  
Idaho Grain Producers Association  
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association  
Industrial Minerals Association — North America  
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.  
Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
Louisiana Chemical Association  
Manufacture Alabama Chemistry Advisory Council  
Manufacturers Association of Florida

Massachusetts Chemistry Technology Alliance  
Michigan Chemistry Council  
Motorcycle Industry Council  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Barley Growers Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Farmers Union  
National Grange  
National Industrial Sand Association  
National Industrial Transportation League  
National Mining Association  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
National Sorghum Producers  
Nebraska Wheat Board  
New York State Chemistry Council  
North American Millers' Association  
North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance  
Ohio Chemistry Technology Council  
Ohio Manufactures' Association  
Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council  
Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association  
Plastics Industry Association  
Portland Cement Association  
Private Railcar Food and Beverage Association  
PVC Pipe Association  
Renewable Fuels Association  
Resilient Floor Covering Institute  
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates  
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association  
South Carolina Manufacturers Association  
Steel Manufacturers Association  
The Sulphur Institute  
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Texas Chemical Council  
United States Fashion Industry Association  
Vinyl Building Council  
The Vinyl Institute  
Vinyl Siding Institute  
West Virginia Manufacturers Association  
Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission

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