

Support the Freight Rail Shipping Fair Market Act



Freight railroads are failing to deliver for American farmers, manufacturers, energy producers ... and consumers. The U.S. economy is being plagued by chronic and widespread rail service problems – from major delays to embargos – that are preventing critical materials and finished goods from getting where they need to go.

Service failures are contributing to higher prices and supply chain disruptions for food, fuel, and countless other products.

To help address these widespread supply chain problems the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has introduced the **Freight Rail Shipping Fair Market Act**.

Railroads have gutted network resilience:

- Cut nearly **45,000** jobs over the past five years
- On average, less than **68%** of rail cars arrive on time

Why It's Needed

- Allows Congress to take meaningful action to help their constituents
- Provides support and resources to the STB so it can complete ongoing initiatives to resolve freight rail problems
- Rail industry has changed dramatically in the 40 years since Congress passed the Staggers Rail Act
- Helps restore balance between rail customers and carriers

How It Helps

- Creates market conditions to promote better and more consistent rail service
- Establishes incentives for improved and expanded freight rail service

“The railroads could not possibly have screwed up the system any more than they are doing on their own – there is nothing we could do to make it worse.”

MARTIN OBERMAN, CHAIRMAN, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD