

GoRail

Educating, Recruiting & Mobilizing Support for Freight Rail

Rail in Your State

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GoRail works with thousands of community leaders across the country to tell the local story of freight rail — stronger economies, more jobs and cleaner skies.

Founded in 2004 on the principle that “all politics is local,” we believe that direct input from constituents is the best way to communicate with elected officials.

That’s because most issues on the government’s to-do list come not from the top or from DC lobbyists, but from outside the Beltway. GoRail educates community leaders and the public about the benefits of moving more freight by rail and asks them to make clear to members of Congress that the rail policy decisions made on Capitol Hill have real impacts back home.

Every year, America’s freight railroads invest billions of dollars to maintain and modernize the freight rail system. Since 1980, they have invested over \$630 billion of their own money back into the U.S. rail network. In fact, the four largest U.S. freight railroads each spend more on their infrastructure than most state highway agencies spend on roads. This private railroad investment saves taxpayers money, promotes cleaner air and greater fuel efficiency, improves safety and reduces highway congestion.

With freight volumes forecast to grow approximately 40 percent by 2045 according to the U.S. Department of Transportation, and many highways already stretched beyond capacity, the nation faces a complex freight mobility challenge. Railroads keep goods moving.

Since 2004, thousands of state and local government officials and community leaders have joined with us in engaging policymakers in Washington on the importance of freight rail to our economy and our quality of life.

AT A GLANCE

- Our team of state directors travels the country to educate, recruit and mobilize the public in support of freight rail.
- 575 freight railroads operate over a network of 140,000 miles of track and employ nearly 169,000 in well-paying jobs.
- Hundreds of rail supply companies employ thousands of Americans who provide all the materials and services that make our freight rail system the envy of the world.
- On average, a train can move one ton of freight nearly 500 miles on a single gallon of fuel.

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