



MIAMI-DADE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

July 25, 2024

The Honorable Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson,
Representing FL-24
18425 NW. 2nd Avenue, Miami Gardens FL, 33169

Dear Representative Wilson,

I am reaching out regarding a proposed rule that is before the EPA. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has requested a waiver from the EPA to enforce "zero-emission" locomotives starting in 2030.

The proposed regulation is considered unfeasible because "zero-emission" locomotive technology is still in its early stages of development and not yet commercially viable. The rule would effectively remove some 25,000 locomotives across the country.

If the waiver is approved and other states follow suit with similar regulations, the regulatory patchwork could impede interstate commerce, while increased truck traffic that will exacerbate congestion issues on Florida's roadways.

One of Florida's greatest assets is having access to a reliable and extensive freight rail system. Florida's 16 freight railroads operate over almost 3,000 miles of track moving 39.5 million tons of freight annually.

I encourage you to contact the EPA and ask that they decline the proposed waiver from CARB.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Eric Knowles', written over a white rectangular background.

President Gordon Eric Knowles