

GORAIL

EDUCATING, RECRUITING & MOBILIZING SUPPORT FOR FREIGHT RAIL



Rail in Your State
SEE THE COMMUNITY IMPACT!

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.

Most issues on the government’s to-do list come not from the top or from 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 decisions made on Capitol Hill have real impacts back home.

Each year, America’s freight railroads invest billions of dollars to maintain and modernize the freight rail system. Since 1981, they have reinvested over \$710 billion of their own money back into the U.S. rail network. This private railroad spending saves taxpayers money, promotes cleaner air and greater fuel efficiency, improves safety and reduces highway congestion.

With freight volumes forecast to grow approximately 30 percent from 2018 to 2040 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.
- Over 600 freight railroads operate across a 140,000-mile network and employ nearly 150,000 in well-paying jobs.
- Hundreds of rail supply companies and contractors employ thousands of Americans who provide all the materials and services that make U.S. freight rail the envy of the world.
- On average, a train can move one ton of freight 479 miles on a single gallon of fuel.



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