

Campaign Update

GoRail continues to deliver powerful grassroots and grasstops advocacy on behalf of freight rail. Highlights of our work so far in 2025:

Surface Transportation Reauthorization. Coordinated a national group letter to Congress signed by over 800 local and state elected officials, chambers, and state associations, urging strong freight rail provisions and increased funding for federal rail grants.

Combating Organized Retail Crime Act (CORCA). Secured unprecedented state-level support and drove grasstops action for anti-theft legislation.

- Over 130 letters sent to Congress from elected officials, state chambers, associations, and business leaders urging members of the transportation and judiciary committees to co-sponsor the CORCA legislation.
- Coordinated a resolution from the National Conference of State Legislatures encouraging Congress to support and pass CORCA.

Field Engagement. Expanded our footprint with grassroots organizing in new districts and direct outreach to leaders.

- Conducted 795 meetings in 42 states with elected officials and other community stakeholders. Combined with group presentations, we educated over 1,066 local leaders about rail priorities impacting their communities.
- Mobilized 1,300 local leaders to generate 1,402 actions directed at congress – primarily advocacy letters, media placements, and direct outreach to Congress.
- Focused efforts to educate six new Senate Commerce Committee members and 19 new House T&I members about rail priorities and how rail supports jobs in their districts.

Webinars. Educated over 750 local leaders and Rail Champions on contemporary rail issues through a series of webinars. Recent topics included the federal outlook on rail, economic development, and rail's role in reducing emissions.

Rail Champions. Grew and activated our grassroots network into a powerful advocacy force.

- Added 27,000 new advocates since May through paid acquisition, growing the network to 70,000 supporters nationwide.
- Activated Champions on reauthorization and CORCA, generating 2,500+ constituent actions to Congress.
- Expanded industry partnerships with toolkits and presentations to suppliers and employees.

Tours. Brought policymakers trackside to experience freight rail's impact firsthand.

- Indiana Rail Road: Fifty-five legislators from 23 states joined GoRail, AAR, and representatives from the six Class I railroads in touring local rail operations and learning about key issues impacting the industry.
- Delmarva Central Railroad: Coordinated a tour of a local short line railroad for Senator Blunt Rochester (Senate Commerce), Senator Coons, and Representative McBride, where we spotlighted federal rail grants and supply chain resilience.

Bottom Line: GoRail is building grasstops coalitions in key districts, growing grassroots strength, and mobilizing broad support for freight rail priorities in the reauthorization debate.