

GoRail's Mission

Connecting Communities to Freight Rail's Local Impact

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Founded in 2004 on the belief that “all politics is local,” GoRail is a national nonprofit that works with community leaders across the country to share the local benefits of freight rail—stronger economies, more jobs, and cleaner skies—with policymakers in Washington.

Most Americans don't realize that freight railroads are privately funded, investing more than \$25 billion annually to maintain and modernize the rail network that connects communities to markets across the globe. These investments reduce highway congestion and emissions, relieve taxpayer burden, and make U.S. industry more competitive.

GoRail's mission is to make sure the voices of state and local leaders and citizens are heard in the national conversation about freight rail policy. Whether it's securing federal support for rail grants, supporting innovation, opposing overregulation, or promoting modal equity, GoRail helps ensure that freight rail can continue delivering public benefits without relying on taxpayer dollars.

Our Team & Impact

Our small team of state directors travels the country to educate, recruit, and mobilize impacted communities in support of freight rail. Through their outreach and organizing, we've helped build a powerful coalition of local voices advocating for forward-thinking rail policy.

Since 2004, GoRail has:

- Held over **45,000 meetings with community leaders**
- Facilitated **2,300+ meetings with members of Congress**
- Generated more than **21,000 letters and emails** to lawmakers
- Placed **1,800+ media stories and op-eds** on freight rail's benefits

Rail 101

Why Freight Rail Matters



Connecting Every Mile

600+ freight railroads operate across 135,000 miles of track in 49 states. Trains move 40% of long-distance freight, from raw materials to finished goods.



Powered by People

Railroads directly employ 153,000 workers (with wages well above the national average) and support 749,000 jobs nationwide.



Driving Growth Forward

Every \$1 spent by railroads creates \$2.50 in economic activity across America.



Greener by Design

Rail is the most fuel-efficient way to move freight over land—generating up to 75% fewer emissions than trucks.



Setting the Standard

The U.S. freight rail network is considered the world's safest, most cost-efficient, and most productive.

Freight rail is essential to America's economy, environment, and infrastructure. Together, we can protect and grow one of the safest, most sustainable parts of our national transportation network. [Learn more and get involved at GoRail.org](https://gorail.org)

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