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### **ASLRRA Commends Bi-Partisan Committee Approval of Senate's Surface Transportation Investment Act**

*Legislation will support the U.S. freight transportation network and the growth of small business railroads*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – June 16, 2021** – Today, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation's voted to advance the Surface Transportation Investment Act. The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA), representing the nation's 600 small business freight railroads and hundreds of railroad suppliers, strongly supported the Act following its introduction on June 10, 2021.

"ASLRRA commends the strongly bi-partisan approval of the Surface Transportation Investment Act out of the Senate Commerce Committee this afternoon. This action shows that our elected officials can work together to bring meaningful legislation forward – legislation that will support the continued strength of the U.S. freight transportation network, and in particular the growth of small business freight railroads, allowing us to serve America's freight shippers, support the communities we operate in throughout America, invest in safety and service improvements, and contribute to continued reduction of the environmental impact of freight transportation," said Chuck Baker, President of ASLRRA. "Specifically, for short line railroads this bill provides excellent competitive funding opportunities and avoids unnecessarily burdensome regulations that would limit our ability to help grow the economy and protect the

environment in every part of America. We look forward to further engagement with both the Senate and the House as they work to advance a bill that can get to the President's desk."

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**About ASLRRRA** - The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of the nation's 600 short line and regional railroads and railroad supply company members in legislative and regulatory matters. Short lines operate 47,500 miles of track in 49 states, or approximately 29% of the national railroad network, touching in origination or termination one out of every five cars moving on the national railroad system, serving customers who otherwise would be cut off from the national railroad network. [www.aslrra.org](http://www.aslrra.org)