



## American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association

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### Zachary M. Radford Joins ASLRRRA's Congressional Affairs Team

**WASHINGTON, June 2, 2021** – The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) welcomes Zachary M. Radford as the Association's Assistant Vice President of Congressional Affairs. He will report to ASLRRRA's Vice President of Congressional Affairs Tom Lynch. Mr. Radford brings extensive Capitol Hill, rail and transportation government affairs expertise and substantial experience influencing policy and legislative initiatives in both the public and private sectors to the position. As part of the congressional affairs team at ASLRRRA, he will work with the association staff and the member short line railroads to pursue legislative support for critical issues facing short lines, including infrastructure grant programs and surface transportation and tax policy.

"Zach brings significant transportation legislative experience that will serve the Association and its members well – and immediately – as Congress works to bring a transportation or broader infrastructure bill to the President's desk," said Chuck Baker, President of ASLRRRA. "I've known Zach for many years, initially working with him back when he was the transportation staffer for Senator Blumenthal of Connecticut, a key member of the Senate Commerce Committee. His work was always relentless, creative, and of the highest integrity. Zach's immersion in transportation and infrastructure issues from his time serving two Senators, his government affairs work with WMATA, and standing up the Washington

Metrorail Safety Commission have uniquely positioned him to dive right in, helping to move short line issues forward in D.C.”

Mr. Radford has provided leadership in advocacy, strengthened stakeholder ties, and tackled legal and regulatory challenges in the transportation sector in many roles. In Congress, Mr. Radford served U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal as Senior Policy Advisor & Counsel, influencing rail safety bills, the 2015 FAST Act and the 2018 FAA Reauthorization. Mr. Radford also served as a legislative assistant to Senator Jon Tester, advancing the Senator’s Appropriations Committee work among other responsibilities. In addition, Mr. Radford has served a Federal Relations Officer at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Director of External Relations at the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission, and as a private consultant. Previously, Mr. Radford practiced law in California.

“I’m pleased to be joining the organization at such a critical time, especially as Congress considers infrastructure legislation that will impact the short line industry for years to come,” said Mr. Radford. “I look forward to ensuring that the short line freight industry is well considered as key policy decisions are made, so our members can continue to serve as the vital freight connection linking small-town and rural America with our national network.”

Mr. Radford holds a B.A. from Georgetown University and a J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis, School of Law.

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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 603 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)