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ASLRRA Welcomes Confirmation of Amit Bose as Administrator, FRA

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 12, 2022 – Following today's U.S. Senate action confirming Amit Bose as Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Chuck Baker, President, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) offered the following comments:

On behalf of our country's 600 small business short line freight railroads, I congratulate Amit Bose on being confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration. I'd also note that Amit is the first Indian American to be appointed to this role and that is to be celebrated.

His confirmation comes at a critical time for our industry, right on the heels of passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) – a game-changing measure that provides vast new opportunities to help rebuild and bolster our short line freight rail network through such programs as CRISI, INFRA, RAISE, RRIF, PIDP, and the new grade crossing separation program.

We look forward to working with Administrator Bose and his top-notch team at the FRA to put these new resources to work advancing key projects that enhance safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and solve our country's

supply chain crisis. We are also eager to continue working collaboratively to harness the power and promise of technology to continue moving freight rail forward.

From his prior service at FRA and his years of experience in the rail industry, Administrator Bose knows well short line freight railroads' commitment to a strong safety culture and our mission-driven approach to serving the countless customers and communities who rely on us daily. This first-hand knowledge will be enormously important as he officially begins his tenure as Administrator overseeing an agency so vital to our members and the national economy.

In addition to his deep understanding of the mission of the freight rail industry, Amit is a leader who is in government for the right reasons. We are confident that we can find plenty of common ground and many opportunities to work together to ensure smart, sensible oversight at FRA rooted in data, avoiding efforts that impose unnecessary burdens and bottlenecks on the movement of goods.

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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