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Celebrating America's Railroads: Connecting Communities, Powering Commerce and Driving Economic Growth

[INSERT CITY AND STATE] – July 3, 2026 - As the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary, America's short line and regional railroads proudly recognize their enduring role in building America's economy, connecting communities, and supporting industries that fuel prosperity. For nearly two centuries, small business freight railroads have served as the backbone of the American supply chain, delivering the goods that keep businesses operating and communities thriving.

In 1827 the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad ushered in the era of common-carrier rail transportation, laying the foundation for a national network that would unite communities, fuel industrial growth, expand commerce, and help shape the United States into a global economic leader.

[INSERT YOUR RAILROAD'S ORIGIN STORY]

The **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** joins the nation's more than 600 Class II and III railroads operating more than one-third of the nation's rail network, playing an essential role in connecting rural communities and local industries to the national and global marketplace. Often referred to as the "first and last mile" of freight transportation, Class II and Class III railroads provide critical service to thousands of businesses that would otherwise have limited access to cost-effective rail transportation.

[INSERT THE SERVICES YOUR RAILROAD PROVIDES, MENTION CRITICAL CUSTOMERS]

Beyond freight transportation, short line and regional railroads serve as economic development partners for the communities we serve [INSERT NAME OF KEY TOWNS]. By providing rail access, we help attract new businesses to the area, create family-sustaining jobs, reduce highway congestion, and strengthen local economies.

For generations, railroads have connected America. Today, we remain committed to delivering opportunity, advancing innovation, and investing in the infrastructure that will power the nation's next 250 years.

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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