



LA&L Welcomes Representative Claudia Tenney for Discussion on 45G Modernization, Rail Grants, and Regional Economic Growth



U.S. Representative Claudia Tenney, New York's 24th Congressional District, joined Bob Babcock, President and CEO of the Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad, during a visit to LA&L's Lakeville headquarters and locomotive shop to discuss short line rail investment, 45G modernization, rail grant programs, and the regional economic impact of freight rail service.

LAKEVILLE, N.Y. — June 2026 — The Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad recently welcomed U.S. Representative Claudia Tenney, who represents New York's 24th Congressional District, for a visit to LA&L's Lakeville headquarters and locomotive shop. The visit provided an opportunity for LA&L leadership to discuss the railroad's regional economic impact, ongoing infrastructure needs, and the importance of continued federal and state support for short line rail investment.

Representative Tenney met with Bob Babcock, President and CEO of the Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad, along with members of the LA&L team, to discuss the role LA&L and its affiliated railroads play in supporting manufacturers, agricultural producers, food processors, distributors, and industrial development opportunities across Western and Central New York and the Southern Tier.

The discussion focused on how short line railroads serve as critical transportation assets for regional growth. LA&L highlighted the volume and variety of commodities moving across its lines, the industries that depend on reliable rail service, and the role freight rail access plays in helping existing customers expand while helping communities compete for new investment.

A key part of the conversation centered on the Section 45G Short Line Railroad Track Maintenance Tax Credit and the importance of modernizing the program to better reflect today's infrastructure costs. For LA&L and its affiliated lines, 45G remains one of the most effective tools for driving private investment directly into track, bridges, yards, drainage, grade crossings, and other core infrastructure needed to maintain safe, reliable service. LA&L appreciates Representative Tenney's support for the program and her recognition of the important role short line railroads play in supporting local industry, regional growth, and the national freight rail network.



LA&L also discussed the importance of federal and state rail grant programs, including CRISI and New York State rail capital programs, as essential partners to private investment. These programs help short line railroads advance projects that improve safety, expand capacity, support locomotive modernization, and strengthen the service reliability customers need to grow.

The visit also allowed LA&L to highlight the scale of rail-served economic development taking place across its service territory. More than \$400 million in customer investment has been announced or is currently being developed for new and expanded rail-served operations along LA&L-affiliated lines. These projects demonstrate how access to reliable short line rail service can help retain industry, support expansion, attract new business, and strengthen communities throughout Representative Tenney's district and the broader region.

For LA&L, continued investment in infrastructure, transload capacity, and locomotive modernization is directly tied to customer growth and regional competitiveness. The railroad's discussion with Representative Tenney reinforced the importance of policies and programs that allow short lines to continue serving as a lifeline for local industry and a platform for future economic development.

LA&L appreciates Representative Tenney's visit, her engagement with the railroad's leadership team, and her support for policies that strengthen short line railroads, freight customers, and the regional economies that depend on safe, reliable, and competitive rail service.

About the LA&L Family of Railroads - The LA&L family of railroads includes the Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad, B&H Rail Corp., Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, and Ontario Midland Railroad. Together, these short line railroads provide freight rail service across Western, the Southern Tier, and northwestern Pennsylvania. The LA&L family supports manufacturers, agricultural producers, food processors, distributors, transload customers, and industrial development opportunities by connecting local industries to the national freight rail network. Through continued investment in infrastructure, customer service, transload capacity, and locomotive modernization, LA&L remains committed to supporting regional economic growth and safe, reliable rail service.