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MARCH 4 IS RAILROAD DAY ON CAPITOL HILL

Time-honored tradition of more than 25 years brings 380 railroaders to Washington

WASHINGTON – March 3, 2026 – On Wednesday, March 4, Class I and short line railroads, suppliers and contractors to the industry, and the major Associations that represent them will participate in a 25+ year advocacy tradition, Railroad Day on Capitol Hill. Participants will meet with more than 330 Congressional offices to ensure elected officials understand their perspective when considering important legislation that affects the freight railroad industry. For 200 years, freight railroads have been a key driver of America’s economic development, linking tens of thousands of businesses across the country and around the globe.

“This longstanding tradition has continued without interruption, even shifting online during the COVID years, and tomorrow more than 380 citizen advocates will exercise their First Amendment right to petition their government and share their stories,” said Chuck Baker, President of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, which represents the nation’s more than 600 short lines, and their suppliers. “The services our industry delivers support tens of thousands of shippers nationwide, helping businesses stay competitive and keeping prices affordable for American families. Railroad Day on Capitol Hill puts a face on the businesses and communities that Congressional actions will impact, making connections that will be invaluable to the industry and to Congress as it considers legislation that will produce powerful outcomes for the public.”

Participants will meet with congressional offices to discuss policies that strengthen the industry, ensuring freight rail remains the safest, most efficient, and most environmentally sustainable surface transportation option available.

This year, the industry will call upon Congress to:

- Update tax policies that incentivize private investment in infrastructure.
- Guarantee full and consistent funding for federal rail safety grants and encourage the innovation and deployment of safety-enhancing technology.
- Accelerate speed to build, advancing permitting reforms that provide greater transparency and predictability while ensuring timely, focused environmental reviews.
- Restore the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) to a user-based system and oppose increases to truck size and weight limits.

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 (Class II and III 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, particularly in rural and small-town America. Categorized as small businesses, short lines transport all commodities, with the agriculture, energy and manufacturing sectors being particularly reliant on short line service. www.aslrra.org