

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear Colleagues,

We wanted to let you know that we have jointly decided to ask Senator Reid to withdraw the pending cloture petition on S. 146, the Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act. We share the common goals of addressing the longstanding concerns of rail shippers and making the rail industry more competitive.

The Commerce and Judiciary Committees intend to work together on comprehensive rail competition legislation. We hope to shortly have a bipartisan package that reforms the Surface Transportation Board and repeals the railroads' antitrust exemption available for the consideration by the full Senate. We are working on harmonizing our two efforts to produce a robust reform package.

This is a high priority for both of us and we are absolutely committed to finding real solutions that can be enacted into law this year.

Sincerely,



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Chairman  
Committee on Commerce,  
Science, and Transportation



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Antitrust Subcommittee,  
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