

Protect Manufacturing Jobs and Ensure the Survival of the Freight Railcar Industry

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

65,000 JOBS AT RISK

If the U.S. domestic freight rolling stock manufacturing sector collapses.

\$6.5 BILLION LOST IN U.S. GDP

Domestic freight rail market supply chains will lose \$5 billion in wages and spending, and productivity.

JOB LOSS IN OTHER SECTORS

If U.S. freight railcar production collapses, the job loss effects would be most heavily felt in the following sectors:



Source: Oxford Economics, Will We Derail U.S. Freight Rolling Stock Production?

The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the nation's economy in ways not seen in generations. That devastation now directly threatens the freight rail supply industry, **jeopardizing as many as 65,000 American jobs and \$6.5 billion in annual GDP across all 50 states.**

Without immediate action, the loss of rail manufacturing jobs will be felt nationwide at the worst possible time for our country. Impacts will be felt acutely in states like Arkansas, Oregon, Illinois, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, and Texas, where some of the nation's leading freight railcar manufacturers and suppliers have already reduced their workforces by as much as 50%.

Downstream effects will be felt on virtually every sector that supplies the freight railcar industry, from iron and steel manufacturers to factory equipment suppliers.

Legislation is needed to *incentivize private investments* to sustain the tens of thousands of American jobs tied to the freight railcar industry as we recover from the economic effects of COVID-19. We must ensure the North American freight rail manufacturing base survives this time of uncertainty. We cannot be left dependent on foreign countries for freight railcar production.

Freight railcar orders and backlog are plummeting due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Without immediate action by Congress, this decline will result in thousands of job losses like the Great Recession, when industry unemployment reached 18.5%*

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Transportation Equipment Manufacturing, July 2009

