



railroad customers have **had it up to here.**

You'd be mad too if your livelihood was left rotting on the ground. But that's exactly what's happening to farmers across the country whose grain is piling up because the nation's freight railroads won't haul it to market.

Poor planning, bad logistics and a broken rail system have left farmers buried. Colorado declared a state of emergency for wheat farmers. Railroads are telling North Dakota farmers to store their grain on the ground. And Kansas farmers have to go through bureaucratic hoops to get a permit before the railroads will even touch their grain. Meanwhile the railroads are jacking up rates on farmers and reporting record profits. **So while farmers are buried in piles of grain, railroads are buried in piles of green.**

As the Senate Commerce Committee holds a railroad oversight hearing today, we urge Congress to pass The Railroad Competition and Service Improvement Act of 2007 – S. 953 and H.R. 2125. It's time to level the playing field for the nation's grain fields.



Consumers United for Rail Equity



Alliance for Rail Competition



National Association of Wheat Growers



National Farmers Union



National Corn Growers Association



National Barley Growers Association

United States Beet Sugar Association