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Cast a Vote for Consumers Vote “Yes” on H.R. 1650

Put an End to Special Railroad Antitrust Exemptions

- **H.R. 1650, the Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act, is a consumer protection bill.** It does away with special antitrust exemptions that allow the nation’s freight railroads to avoid competition and therefore keep their rates artificially and unfairly high. These unjustifiably high rail rates are a hidden tax on consumers, inflating prices on everyday items like food, electricity, paper, manufactured goods and nearly everything else we buy.
- **H.R. 1650 ensures fair competition in the marketplace.** Removing the special antitrust exemptions means railroads will be required to compete on a level playing field. Competition benefits all consumers by keeping prices fair and reasonable. It is in the interest of all consumers, rail customers and the national economy to put an end to a system that protects the railroads from transportation competition.
- **H.R. 1650 ensures that railroads will be treated just like all other American industries.** All other transportation companies across all modes are covered by the nation’s antitrust laws. Why should the railroads be treated differently at the expense of consumers?
- **Imagine consolidations in the airline, telecom or pharmaceutical industries without the Department of Justice or the Federal Trade Commission ensuring consumers are protected through compliance with the nation’s antitrust laws.** That’s exactly what can and does happen in the railroad industry. The railroad industry’s special antitrust exemptions prevent the DOJ and FTC from ensuring compliance with the nation’s antitrust laws.

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Cast a Vote for Consumers

Vote “Yes” on S. 772

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