

It's **COMPETITION**, *Not “Re-regulation”*

“First, H.R. 2125 does not re-regulate the railroads. ...”

—Chairman Jim Oberstar and Congressman Richard Baker, *Dear Colleague Letter*, August 1, 2007

“...let's not call it re-regulation...”

—Jim Young, CEO, Union Pacific, *House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee*, Tuesday, September 25, 2007

- When **a senior citizen** on a fixed income in Lafayette, Louisiana is forced to pay \$300 more a year in electric bills because of a lack of rail competition...
- When **farmers in Colorado, North Dakota and Kansas** watch as their grain rots on the ground because of a lack of rail competition...
- When **electricity generators** in Arkansas and Louisiana are forced to buy coal from far-away countries like Indonesia and Venezuela because of a lack of rail competition...
- When a **local school district** is forced to pay an additional \$1,520,000 per year for electricity due to a lack of rail competition...

It's time to pass H.R. 2125—a reform bill that injects much-needed **COMPETITION into a railroad system where monopoly pricing abuses are standard operating procedure and the Surface Transportation Board is asleep at the switch.**

