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**NITL Applauds the Class I Railroads, Unions, and the Biden Administration
For Averting a Rail Strike**

Washington, DC, September 15, 2022. The National Industrial Transportation League ([NITL](#)), one of the nation’s oldest trade associations representing US businesses that rely on freight transportation systems to ship their industrial materials domestically and internationally, applauds the Biden Administration, rail labor, and the railroads in averting a potential national strike.

“We’re grateful to all who helped make this happen and are our confidence in the future of freight rail transportation is a brighter today,” stated Ross Corthell, Vice President, Transportation, Packaging Corporation of America, and Chair of NITL Rail Transportation Committee. NITL respects that the agreement reached is tentative and calls upon the affected unions’ respective memberships to ratify soon providing more certainty for NITL members and its customers.” The industrial freight shippers move billions of dollars’ worth of freight via the rail and our members dependency on reliable rail service is critical. Access to reliable rail transportation at reasonable rates is a cornerstone to the viability and success of many US enterprises, large and small, urban, and rural, and domestic and internationally.

NITL looks forward to continuing to work with Congress on taking steps now to further partner with the Surface Transportation Board in passing legislation to help address systematic issues such as the [Freight Rail Shipping Fair Market Act, H.R. 8649](#), said Nancy O’Liddy, NITL Executive Director.