



NITL Statement on the White House Executive Order on Competition

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The National Industrial Transportation League (NITL) has long championed improvements in competition in both ocean and freight rail transportation and we applaud the Administration for recognizing that current business practices in each sector are disrupting and delaying delivery of goods and services, adding unnecessary costs for businesses, and ultimately creating higher costs for consumers.

The issuance of this order will not only address these major challenges but also bolster American businesses.

We're especially pleased to see the Administration's calls for vigorous enforcement toward ending unfair detention and demurrage practices that are crippling the maritime supply chain, and its request that the Surface Transportation Board proceed with the open rulemaking on competitive rail switching, originally filed by NITL with the STB ten years ago this week.

We look forward to continuing our work with the STB, the Federal Maritime Commission, and our colleagues across many industries, toward finding workable solutions for enhancing rail and ocean competition, a position the League has advocated for throughout our organization's long history.

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