



November 4, 2022

Majority Leader Chuck Schumer
U.S. Senate
S-221 U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senate
S-230 U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204 U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the Border Trade Alliance, I am writing to urge you to work with rail carriers and rail unions to ensure uninterrupted freight rail service in the United States and prevent the real possibility of a labor strike that would cripple our nation's freight rail system. If a strike were to occur, it would have a significant negative impact on the stakeholders we represent, the broader U.S. economy, and millions of American workers.

BTA represents a large grassroots network of public and private sector representatives, including business leaders, chambers of commerce and industry, academic institutions, economic development corporations, industrial parks, transport companies, customs brokers, manufacturers, and state and local government agencies.

While railroads have been able to reach voluntary agreements with some rail unions, unfortunately a strike in the near future again seems like a real possibility. It is our understanding that a nationwide rail service shutdown could occur as early as Saturday, November 19.

If the parties cannot reach voluntary agreements by November 19, the BTA asks that you work with the President to enact legislation ensuring uninterrupted rail services. Legislation is currently pending in the House and Senate that would impose settlement terms on the parties as recommended by the Biden Administration's Presidential Emergency Board (PEB 250).

Thank you for your attention to this matter of great importance to BTA members and the U.S. economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Britton Mullen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Britton Mullen
President