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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

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The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Needs Our Help and Support



PA HOUSE BILL 1028



THE RAIL SAFETY ACT

The PA Conference of Teamsters is asking all Local Unions to contact their PA state representative's office and tell them to support **PA House Bill 1028 the Rail Safety Act**

This bill will be voted on Monday, June 5, 2023

PLEASE CALL YOUR REP. TODAY OR ON MONDAY

MEMORANDUM

From: [Representative Robert F. Matzie](#) and [Rep. Jim Marshall](#)
To: All House members
Subject: Rail Safety Legislation

The recent derailment in East Palestine, Ohio has greatly impacted our districts and our constituents. It has also shed light on rail safety – and the lack thereof. We are one of the most heavily traveled areas in the country for rail traffic, as our multi-modal system transports goods throughout our Commonwealth and going north, south, east and west to our neighbors. Given that the existing rules and regulations allowed for this travesty to occur in our backyards, we can't wait for the federal government to act.

We believe it is in our purview, under Chapter 27 of Title 66 to augment the Federal Rail and Safety Act (FRSA) with comprehensive rail safety provisions specific to Pennsylvania and will be introducing legislation to do so.

Our legislation would address the standards, oversight, and maintenance of wayside detector systems, provide for additional oversight of railroad company safety compliance, provide for a reporting mechanism if railroad companies are deemed out of compliance with federal regulations, establish minimum safe staffing requirements, create a reporting system for the transportation of hazardous materials and waste, and restrict unsafe train length.

In 2022, there were more than 1,000 train derailments in the United States. The East Palestine derailment won't be the last one with devastating impact. We need to act now to ensure that the next derailment does not have far more widespread and devastating consequences to our communities.

