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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to expeditiously
2 advance rail safety improvements legislation.

3 WHEREAS, Rail travel is an essential part of our
4 transportation infrastructure, reducing congestion on the roads
5 and in the skies, connecting cities and rural communities and
6 providing a more environmentally friendly mode of transportation
7 that contributes to our energy security; and

8 WHEREAS, Projections of the United States Department of
9 Transportation show substantial increases in rail transport over
10 the next three decades; and

11 WHEREAS, As advanced technology helps build quieter, longer
12 and faster trains, the necessity to regulate these innovations
13 to protect individuals, the environment and property becomes
14 increasingly urgent; and

15 WHEREAS, In the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by
16 a train approximately every three hours; and

17 WHEREAS, While crossing collisions have been reduced over the

1 past four decades, there were still 274 crossing fatalities in
2 2022; and

3 WHEREAS, Trespassing is an even larger danger, resulting in
4 1,208 deaths and injuries in 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, On February 3, 2023, a Norfolk Southern train
6 derailed in East Palestine, Ohio, which is located near the
7 Ohio-Pennsylvania state line; and

8 WHEREAS, The Federal Rail Administration is the Federal
9 agency responsible for regulating the safety of the nation's
10 railroad system and has been actively assisting with the
11 investigation in East Palestine; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
14 States to expeditiously advance rail safety improvements
15 legislation; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
17 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
18 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.