

Solutionary Rail, a people-powered campaign to electrify America's railroads and open corridors to a clean energy future

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After 45 years of deregulation, consolidation, and abandonments, US class 1 railroads operate with impunity. Created in partnership with the public, railroads have historically been treated as semi-public utilities. But today's corporate railroads scoff at any outside demands - whether those come from shippers, trackside communities, government regulators, or workers. Meanwhile, the critical national infrastructure they control intersects and impacts every sector of our society. While making record profits, these corporate railroads refuse to respond to any demands for electrification, better service, improved working conditions, or even increased public safety. Wall Street's insatiable appetite for short term profits has left us with no other option. The time is now for public ownership of US railroads in order to prioritize long term public interests over short term private profits.