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Food & Beverage Issue Alliance Applauds President Biden and Congress for Avoiding Rail Shutdown

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Food and Beverage Issue Alliance (FBIA) applauds President Biden and Congress for taking action to avoid a potentially devastating rail labor shutdown that would have resulted in drastic consequences for the food and agricultural supply chain. While FBIA was hopeful that congressional action would not be necessary and the two sides could have come to an agreement earlier, we are relieved that the food supply chain – and ultimately, consumers – will not face costly disruptions.

Even a temporary rail service stoppage as short as one day would have been catastrophic in lost production of food and beverage products that could not have been made up. Such a stoppage would have been overwhelming for the American families who can least afford an increase in food prices as a result of lost production.

While a rail stoppage has been averted currently, FBIA remains concerned with ongoing rail service disruptions that negatively impact the food and agriculture industries. An efficient and reliable rail network is essential for our industries to feed the country, and FBIA will continue exploring opportunities to encourage improved rail service.

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FBIA represents over 50 allied U.S.-based food and beverage associations across the supply chain, from agricultural processors to packaged goods to retail.

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