

City of



Dover

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DRAFT PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04
IMPROVED NATIONAL RAIL POLICY

1 **WHEREAS**, the City Council understands the necessity of a national rail policy; and

2 **WHEREAS**, freight rail service impacts the vitality of our City and the State in areas including agriculture,
3 utilities, and manufacturing, in addition to economic development and jobs; and

4 **WHEREAS**, current national freight rail policy has had a negative impact on Delaware's ability to ship
5 commodities and products essential to Delaware, including chemicals, grain and coal; and

6 **WHEREAS**, these policies raise serious questions about the ability of the major railroads to meet the nation's
7 transportation needs now and in the future; and

8 **WHEREAS**, most Americans agree that competition benefits not only the consumer but also the competitor;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, in a free market, companies in most sectors grow stronger by offering their customers improved
11 service at a competitive rate; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the partial deregulation of the rail industry in 1980 resulted in the greatest concentration of
13 monopoly power for the railroads since the early 1900s; The 40 Class 1 rail lines of the 1980s have merged and
14 acquired each other to create four mega-monopolies; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Delaware's consumers and shippers know there's no free ride on the nation's rails and that the
16 nation's economy needs a balanced commercial relationship between shippers and the railroads.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council, calls upon the Congressional delegation
18 and the entire United States Congress to support The Railroad Competition and Service Improvement Act of
19 2007 (H.R.2125/S. 772) which would strengthen the freight rail system for the next century.

20 **ADOPTED:** *

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23 CARLETON E. CAREY, SR.
24 MAYOR

KENNETH L. HOGAN
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

25 Actions History:

26 Jan 27, 2009 - Introduced at Safety Advisory & Transportation Committee