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SAVE PASSENGER RAIL

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Get Canada Back on Track

Passenger rail service cuts, including the elimination of routes and reduced frequency of service, hurt passengers and access to communities, towns, municipalities and cities across the country.

Since Confederation, Canada has been united and connected by rail. Now our passenger rail system has been eroded by funding cuts, outdated equipment and infrastructure, and corporate privatization, threatening to leave communities isolated.

With the loss of Grey Hound bus services, rail remains the only public transit option for many smaller or remote towns.

The train has not left the station!

Our national public passenger rail system, VIA Rail, continues to suffer due to a lack in long-term government funding and investments, the lack of a legislative mandate and outdated equipment and infrastructure.

The elimination of routes and reduced frequency of service means that Canadians have fewer accessible transportation options, particularly in remote communities.

Further, the need to share tracks and give priority right of way access to freight is resulting in delays that can often stretch into days.

While countries, such as the U.S. and U.K., are making significant, historic investments in improving and enhancing their national passenger rail networks, Canada continues to slip further behind.

Canadians need a modern, affordable, reliable and safe passenger rail service. These investments can generate significant social, economic and environmental benefits.
Take Action

Take action now to preserve and improve access for citizens in your community. Join Unifor’s ‘Get Canada Back on Track’ campaign.

- **Pass a motion** at your next council calling on the federal government to invest in national passenger rail service that provides safe, reliable, frequent transportation across the country and good, green, long-term jobs.

- **Write a letter** to the Minister of Transportation secure immediate public investments to build Canada’s passenger rail infrastructure, prioritize passenger trains, and improve services for travelers.

- Encourage your residents to visit [backontrack.unifor.org](http://backontrack.unifor.org) and sign the petition demanding the federal government create a legislative framework that protects public, accessible, safe passenger rail and directs immediate public investments to build Canada’s passenger rail infrastructure, prioritize passenger trains, and improve services for travelers.

Together, we can fight and win investments in passenger rail.
If you have questions or require any further information on how to get involved please contact: politicalaction@unifor.org

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