

# Freight Rail

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John Wetzel is Vice President for Congressional affairs at the Association of American Railroads, a national trade association whose members include the major freight railroads in the United States, Canada and Mexico -- as well as Amtrak.

Mr. Wetzel's responsibilities include guiding the development and implementation of policy on railroad safety, hazardous materials, highway, energy, and environmental issues affecting the freight railroads. In addition, he edits a weekly newsletter produced for the industry's senior executives concerning developments in the nation's capital.

Mr. Wetzel holds a bachelor's degree from the honors program at Villanova University, and a master's degree in public administration from American University. Prior to joining AAR, he had several years of experience as a lobbyist for the motor vehicle industry.

Presentation 1: Association of American Railroads

Presentation 2: CSX - Railroad Transportation Challenges and Solutions