

Section 1: The “Railroad Bucket” Mandate

All Class I railroad carriers operating within the United States shall be required to contribute **90% of their annual net income** into the **National Railroad Revitalization Fund (NRRF)**. These funds are legally decoupled from shareholder dividends and executive bonuses to prioritize the physical and operational integrity of the American rail network.

Section 2: Public Transit & Passenger Priority

The first **\$10.5 Billion** of the annual NRRF shall be dedicated to the **Public Mobility Initiative**:

- **Regional High-Speed Corridors:** Direct funding for the “Corridor Kickstart” program to establish 125 mph service in ten high-density U.S. regions.
- **The Right-of-Way Rule:** Passenger rail shall receive absolute dispatching priority over freight on all shared tracks funded by this Act.
- **Urban Hub Integration:** Grants for “Last-Mile” connectivity, linking rail stations with local light-rail and bus networks.

Section 3: Freight Modernization & Decarbonization

The subsequent **\$4 Billion** shall be allocated to the **Freight Efficiency Program**:

- **Zero-Emission Yards:** Mandatory electrification of the top 20 highest-volume freight yards and ports.
- **AI Dispatching:** Implementation of a unified, digital traffic control system to eliminate idling and reduce transit times for consumer goods.
- **Short-Line Support:** A dedicated fund to maintain the “feeder” lines that connect rural manufacturers to the national grid.

Section 4: The “Safe-Track” Safety Standard

The remaining **\$2.03 Billion** shall be reserved for the **Community Safety & Resilience Fund**:

- **Automated Inspections:** Universal installation of “Hot-Box” and acoustic sensors every 10 miles to prevent mechanical derailments.
- **Disaster Mitigation:** Hardening of infrastructure against extreme weather, including flood-proofing and bridge reinforcement.

- **The East Palestine Protocol:** Full funding for specialized hazardous material response teams stationed at 50-mile intervals along all major chemical routes.

Section 5: Economic Oversight

The Department of Transportation shall oversee the NRRF. For every **\$1 Billion** invested, the railroads must demonstrate a measurable increase in passenger on-time performance and a reduction in carbon-intensity per ton-mile.