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Rob Benedict, AFPM's Vice President of Midstream and Petrochemicals, issued the following statement after Congress passed, and President Biden signed, a resolution to avoid a nationwide rail strike.

*"Refiners and petrochemical manufacturers appreciate the urgency with which Congressional leaders met this moment and averted a rail service disaster. Earlier this week, our industries started to receive notice of service curtailments ahead of the strike. With Congress's intervention, we look forward to a full return to normal service. It is important to note, however, that 'normal service' is still incredibly bad and increasingly expensive for shippers and consumers. With the threat of a full work stoppage off the table, the next Congress must elevate the long-overdue issue of freight rail reform to finally correct these abuses of service."* – **Rob Benedict, AFPM VP of Midstream & Petrochemicals**

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the makers of the fuels that keep us moving, the petrochemicals that are the essential building blocks for modern life, and the midstream companies that get our feedstocks and products where they need to go. We make the products that make life better, safer and more sustainable — we make progress.

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