

## HR 8615

To amend title 49, United States Code, to limit the preference for Amtrak using rail lines, junctions, and crossings near ports and rail yards, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Jul 29, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. (Aug 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8615>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 1, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Jul 29, 2022)

This bill limits Amtrak's preference over freight transportation in using a rail line, junction, or crossing if such rail line, junction, or crossing is located within 50 miles of a port or rail yard.

The Department of Transportation may issue regulations to continue the preference waiver if necessary.

### Actions Timeline

- **Aug 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jul 29, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 29, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation.