



## The Party of Communists USA Supports the Public Rail Now Campaign

As Communists, we understand that our country's industry can best serve the American People when it is in the hands of the People; i.e., when the national rail system is unified under public ownership. Unfortunately, our rail system has remained primarily under private ownership throughout the duration of its existence. This means that the railroad system has been built according to the profit motive, not according to social need. We see the consequences of this in the recurrent derailments which have caused catastrophes both in terms of human life and environmental destruction as recently exemplified in East Palestine, Ohio. This is why the Party of Communists USA supports the Public Rail Now campaign.

Under President Woodrow Wilson, the railroads were taken under governmental administration as an efficiency measure for the war effort. This nationalization enabled the rail system to work as an integrated whole as opposed to being broken up into anarchistic individual enterprises. The government invested \$17 billion in renovations and new constructions of rails, as the private railways were bankrupt, and Wilson granted the 8 hour work day for the railroad brotherhood unions.

Now as then, a public rail system would once again be able to serve the modern society's needs and improve the working conditions of railroad workers. The brutal "Precision Scheduled Railroading" system which workers suffer under today could be abolished in favor of more humane working conditions. Thus, the Public Rail Now campaign provides the path to the future of railroading. The Party of Communists USA unequivocally stands behind the railroad unions and workers in their struggle for public rail.

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