

RAILROADS OF NEW YORK RONY



MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

BILL: S6971-A - Grisanti

SUBJECT: PROHIBITING THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF
RAILROAD-RELATED SCRAP METAL

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Railroads of New York, Inc. (RONY) supports the above-referenced legislation which would prohibit the purchase of certain scrap metal items by scrap processing facilities, including items bearing railroad markings. RONY is a not-for-profit statewide association representing four Class I Railroads (CSX, Canadian National, Canadian Pacific and Norfolk Southern) and 33 short line and regional railroads. RONY members employ over 3,700 individuals and carry nearly 77 million tons of freight in 2 million rail carloads annually statewide.

In 2011, the NYS Legislature enacted a law that updated and strengthened the state's trespassing laws as they relate to railroad property. This was done in part to discourage trespassers from coming on to railroad property for the purpose of stealing track materials to sell as scrap, including metal rails and spikes that hold the tracks together. Such thefts can cause very dangerous situations and can potentially result in train derailments.

This bill would further dissuade illegal trespassers from coming on to railroad property for the purpose of stealing track materials by eliminating potential outlets where such items may be sold. In addition, this bill maintains that authorized railroad employees may still legally sell scrap metal to scrap processing facilities. This bill would only prohibit the illegal, unauthorized purchase of scrap metal items bearing railroad markings.

Discouraging illegal trespassing and theft activities is essential to keeping our state's rail system safe for passenger and freight movement. For the foregoing reasons, we respectfully request your support of this legislation.

Executive Director

Scott Wigger

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