



Representative Walz includes important rail amendment in Farm Bill

Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) is proud to recognize [Rep. Tim Walz](#) (D-MN) for successfully adding an amendment to the Farm Bill that is supported by rail customers.

The Farm Bill (H.R. 2642) included a provision championed by Rep. Walz to update a Department of Agriculture and Department of Transportation study on rural transportation issues, which highlights the costly impact that freight rail monopoly power has on farmers and the U.S. rural economy.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation that included a requirement for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Transportation to issue a new report on rural transportation issues, which includes the costly impact farmers and the U.S. rural economy pay due to a lack of competition among freight rail companies. The new report will update information in an earlier joint USDA-DOT report first released in 2010.

The rail issues are of the utmost importance to MRES and its members. We sincerely appreciate Rep. Walz's efforts and continued support.