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The fight for two person crew starts with you

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The screenshot shows the Smart TD website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "LATEST TRANSPORTATION NEWS" and a "CHANGE VIEW" button. Below this, there are several news articles and logos. On the right side, there is a search bar and a list of navigation links. An orange arrow points to the "SUPPORT TWO-PERSON CREWS" link in the "IMPORTANT LINKS" section.

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NTSB member displeased FRA omitted fatigue in risk-reduction rule

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Ask Your U.S. Senators to Cosponsor the Safe Freight Act (S. 1979)

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Tonganoxie, KS 66086-5381
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Subject: Cosponsor S. 1979, Two-Person Crew on Freight Trains Operating in the U.S.

Dear [[Recipient's Title and Name]]:

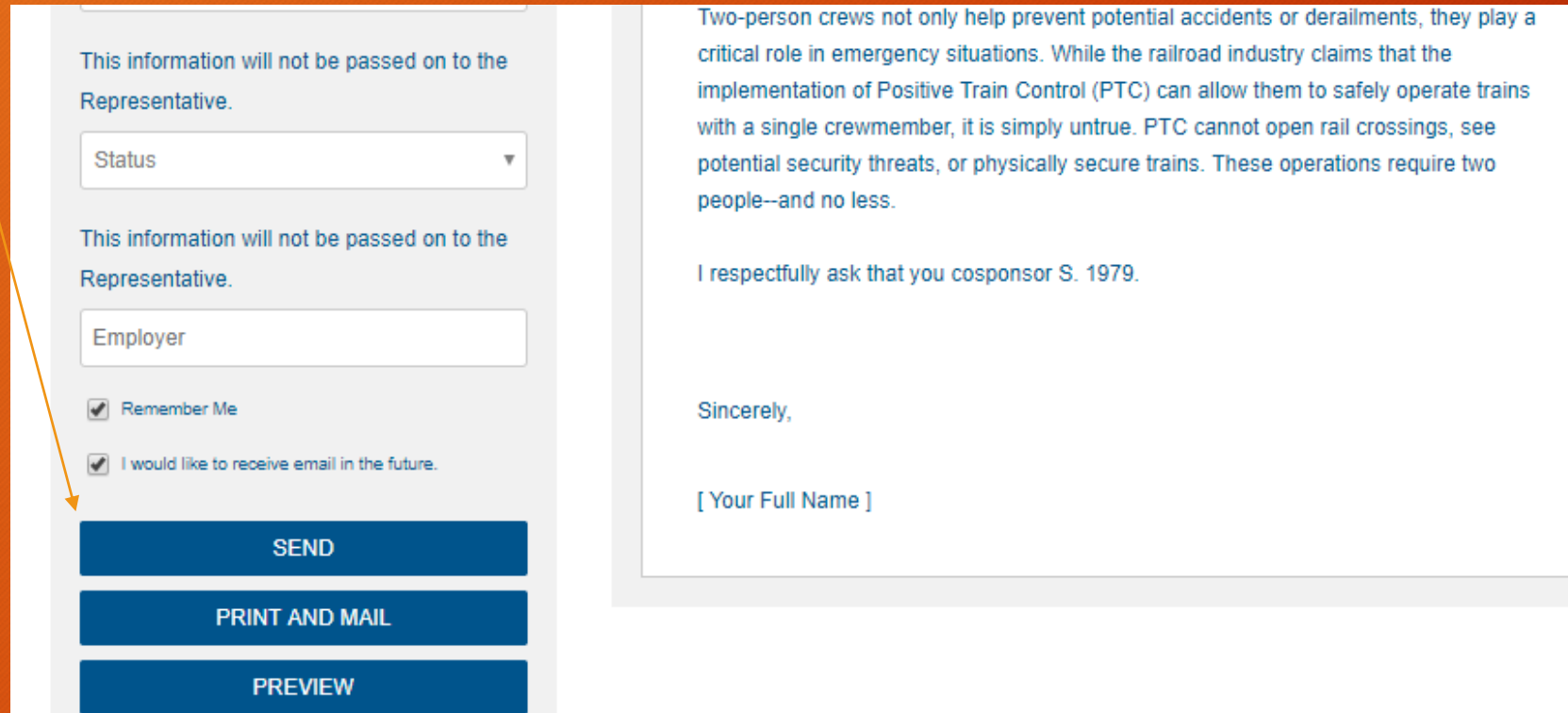
As a railroad worker and a constituent, I urge you to cosponsor S. 1979, introduced by Senator Edward Markey of Massachusetts and Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon; S. 1979 would require freight trains to be operated by at least two individuals - a certified conductor and a certified engineer. This requirement is vital to ensure the safety of communities across the nation.

Engineers and conductors are each responsible for a long list of unique duties, most of which must be carried out simultaneously. Consolidating these responsibilities into one individual only worsens the most critical safety issue facing the rail industry today - high levels of fatigue among operating employees which contribute to additional train accidents.

The impetus of this rail safety legislative came about due to a deadly incident in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec -- on July 6, 2013, an unattended freight train carrying 72 tank cars of crude oil derailed and exploded in Lac-Mégantic, killing 47 people and destroying much of the town. The train, operated by a single crewmember, rolled away because the train engineer was unable to secure the train on his own. This could have been prevented.

By typing your address and zip code the link automatically identifies who your U.S. Senators are and populates a prewritten message with your name attached.

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PREVIEW

Two-person crews not only help prevent potential accidents or derailments, they play a critical role in emergency situations. While the railroad industry claims that the implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC) can allow them to safely operate trains with a single crewmember, it is simply untrue. PTC cannot open rail crossings, see potential security threats, or physically secure trains. These operations require two people--and no less.

I respectfully ask that you cosponsor S. 1979.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

Contact your U.S. Congressperson

Click on the Take Action Link

for Public: Send Message in Support of Two-Person Crew (H.R. 1748)

This is the place for the public (non SMART-TD members) to take action and send a message to their Member of Congress in support of two-person crew legislation.

TAKE ACTION

Ask Your Representative to Cosponsor Two-Person Crew Legislation

H.R. 1748 would require at a minimum a certified conductor and a certified locomotive engineer on freight trains operating in the United States.

ASK US WHY

A two-person crew is safer for you!

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Non Smart-TD members can also join the fight by clicking this Take Action Link

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Rep. Steve Watkins
(R-KS-02)

Subject: Cosponsor H.R. 1748, Two-Person Crew on Freight Trains Operating in the I

Dear [[Recipient's Title and Name]]:

As a railroad worker and a constituent, I urge you to cosponsor H.R. 1748, introduced by Representative Don Young of Alaska. This legislation is the same as H.R. 233 introduced in the 116th Congress, a bi-partisan bill that garnered the support of 120 co-sponsors.

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It would be unthinkable for a commercial airliner to be operated by one pilot, even though a plane can fly itself, freight trains, which cannot, should be treated no differently.

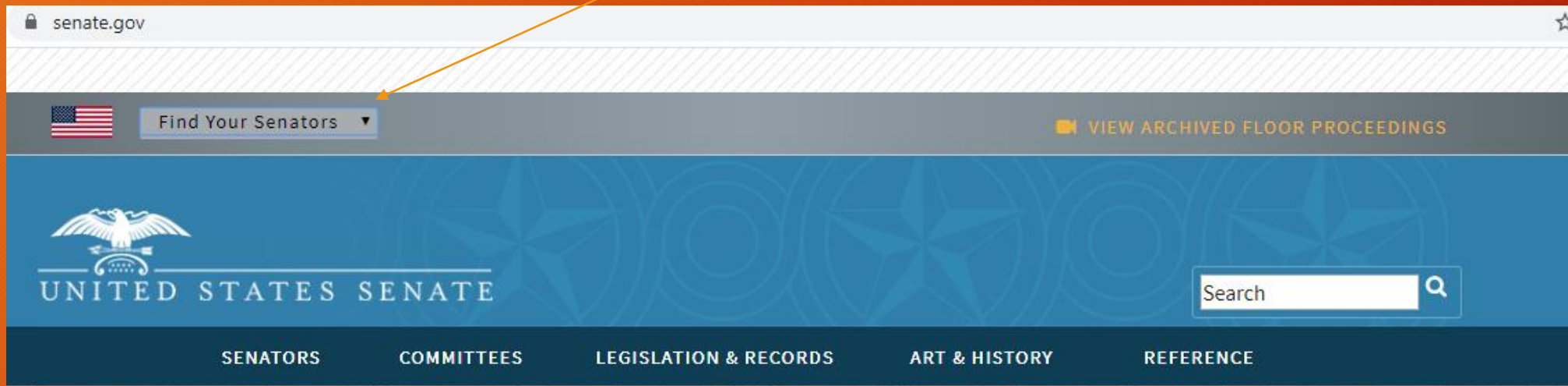
I respectfully ask that you cosponsor H.R. 1748.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

Call your U.S. Senators

www.senate.gov and click on the find your Senators tab



Call the listed numbers and tell your Senators you want them to cosponsor Bill S.1979

I am a constituent of Mr. Moran/Roberts and I would like my Senator to cosponsor and support bill S.1979, Two-Person Crew on Freight Trains in the U.S. This bill is important to me, my family, and to the safety of all Americans

Make sure to call both of your Senators

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Roberts, Pat - (R - KS) Class II
109 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510
(202) 224-4774
Contact: www.roberts.senate.gov/public/?p=EmailPat

Call your U.S. House Representative

www.house.gov Enter your zip code to find your U.S. House Representative



The screenshot shows the homepage of the U.S. House of Representatives website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Visitors, Educators and Students, Media, Doing Business with the House, and Employment. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main header features the U.S. House of Representatives logo and the text "UNITED STATES HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES". Below the header, there is a section titled "FIND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE" which includes a text input field for "Enter your zip code" and a red "LOOK UP" button. To the right of the input field is a map of the United States. At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation bar with links for REPRESENTATIVES, LEADERSHIP, COMMITTEES, LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY, and THE HOUSE EXPLAINED. A status bar at the very bottom indicates "116th Congress, 2nd Session · The House is in session · Watch Live House Floor Proceedings".

Click the name to go to your U.S. Representatives page

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Find Your Representative

Information provided:
Zip code: 66086
is located in the 2nd Congressional district of Kansas.

The representative for this district is:

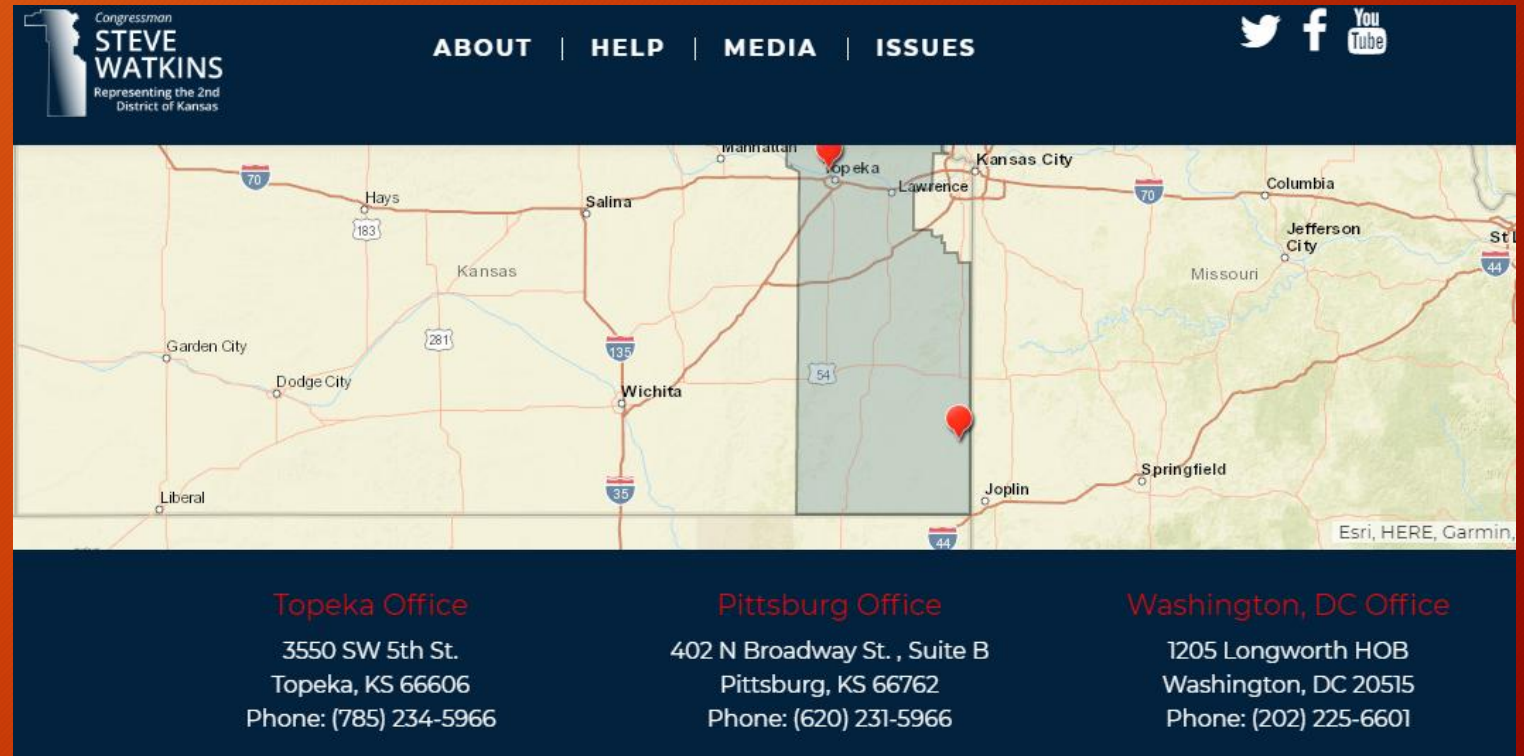


Steve Watkins 
Republican
 



Scroll to the bottom of the page to find their contact number

I am a constituent of Mr. Watkins and I would like him to cosponsor and support bill H.R. 1748, Two Person Crew on Freight Trains in the U.S. This bill is important to me, my family, and for the safety of all Americans.



The screenshot shows the website for Congressman Steve Watkins, representing the 2nd District of Kansas. The page features a navigation menu with 'ABOUT', 'HELP', 'MEDIA', and 'ISSUES'. A map of the 2nd District is displayed, highlighting the Topeka, Pittsburg, and Washington, DC office locations. Below the map, the contact information for each office is provided.

Congressman STEVE WATKINS
Representing the 2nd District of Kansas

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3550 SW 5th St.
Topeka, KS 66606
Phone: (785) 234-5966

Pittsburg Office
402 N Broadway St., Suite B
Pittsburg, KS 66762
Phone: (620) 231-5966

Washington, DC Office
1205 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: (202) 225-6601

A call is worth 10 emails

- Don't be intimidated to call remember they work for you the tax payer
- You are going to talk to a staff member and they will be polite and friendly
- Call both the DC number and the local state number and make your voice heard
- Have as many family and friends call and email as possible
- This can be accomplished in a matter of minutes
- Make your voice heard