

AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MR. RYAN OF NEW YORK

At the end of subtitle D of title X, add the following:

1 **SEC. 104___ . MINIMUM INSPECTIONS OF GRADE CROSS-**
2 **INGS AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS.**

3 (a) INSPECTIONS AT GRADE CROSSINGS.—Section
4 20134(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by striking “Not later than” and inserting
6 the following:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(2) EFFECT OF CERTAIN REGULATIONS.—Ex-
10 cept as provided in paragraph (3)(B), part 234 of
11 title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on
12 September 1, 2025, shall have the same force and
13 effect of law as if such part had been enacted by
14 Congress.

15 “(3) PROHIBITION.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
17 not, through rulemaking, waiver, order, guid-
18 ance, or any other means, reduce the frequency
19 of maintenance, testing, or visual inspections
20 required under part 234 of title 49, Code of

1 Federal Regulations, as in effect on September
2 1, 2025.

3 “(B) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in para-
4 graph (2) or subparagraph (A) limits the au-
5 thority of the Secretary to issue regulations
6 that increase the frequency of maintenance,
7 testing, or visual inspections required under
8 part 234 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
9 tions, beyond those in effect on September 1,
10 2025.

11 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
12 in subparagraph (A) may be construed as re-
13 stricting the authority of the Secretary to issue
14 a penalty under section 21301 of this title.”.

15 (b) INSPECTIONS OF SIGNAL SYSTEMS.—Section
16 20504 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by add-
17 ing at the end the following:

18 “(c) REGULATIONS.—

19 “(1) EFFECT OF CERTAIN REGULATIONS.—Ex-
20 cept as provided in paragraph (2)(B), part 236 of
21 title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on
22 September 1, 2025, shall have the same force and
23 effect of law as if such part had been enacted by
24 Congress.

25 “(2) PROHIBITION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
2 not, through rulemaking, waiver, order, guid-
3 ance, or any other means, reduce the frequency
4 of maintenance, testing, or visual inspections
5 required under part 236 of title 49, Code of
6 Federal Regulations, that were in effect on Sep-
7 tember 1, 2025.

8 “(B) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in para-
9 graph (1) or subparagraph (A) limits the au-
10 thority of the Secretary to issue regulations
11 that increase the frequency of maintenance,
12 testing, or visual inspections required under
13 part 236 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
14 tions, beyond those in effect on September 1,
15 2025.

16 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
17 in subparagraph (A) may be construed as re-
18 stricting the authority of the Secretary to issue
19 a penalty under section 21302 of this title.”.

