

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR DIXON & MORTON**

Re: Support for Regulations on Shipping Train Cars

WHEREAS, recent accidents involving railroad cars derailing has brought to light concerns regarding their safety, especially when it comes to shipping hazardous and highly flammable materials, such as liquefied natural gas and refined oil; and

WHEREAS, shipping containers are moved via rail through densely populated areas where the risk of derailment and damage to tankers carrying oil and gas shipments could lead to explosions, property damage, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the use of trains is often the most efficient method to move cargo across the country and as a necessity trains carrying potentially explosive cargo will travel through populated areas; and

WHEREAS, we, as leaders, need to examine the problem and come to a solution that allows the use of cost effective, environmentally friendly, and rapid transportation of goods across the United States; and

WHEREAS, much discussion has been had regarding the safety of utilizing rail shipments to carry hazardous materials and most opinions call for replacement of older style train cars in favor of ones better designed and constructed to withstand the impacts involved with a train accident and to require trains to proceed through populated areas at a greatly reduced speed; and

WHEREAS, the federal government currently has proposals in front of Congress to increase rail safety by both phasing out the unsafe tanker calls and slowing down trains running through inhabited areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby supports the U.S. Congress and its proposals to phase out the use of unsafe shipping containers and reduce the speed of trains while traveling through populated areas of our nation; and; be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Western New York delegation to the U.S. Congress and any parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None