



2025 Legislative Issue Form

To propose a CCI legislative issue, please complete this form.

Feel free to use more than one page and include any supplemental materials.

- 1.) **Contact Information** (of the person bringing forth the issue):
 - a. **Name:** Jerry Sonnenberg
 - b. **Title:** Commissioner
 - c. **County:** Logan
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- 2.) **Issue/Problem to be addressed** (What is the problem this legislation is seeking to solve?)

Local governments are being required to help railroads pay for their maintenance and upgrades without any discussion or suggestions from the local government because of a rule from the PUC.
- 3.) **Background on this Issue/Problem** (How did this come to be? Why are you seeking a legislative remedy?)

Logan County is having to pay over \$100,000 for a crossing upgrade for a road that the railroad blocks regularly for days that serves a three families and a business.
- 4.) **Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy to this issue.**

Still looking at all the options but would like the railroads to pay for their own upgrades that only benefit them.
- 5.) **Have you explored a non-legislative solution to this problem?**

Have tried to have discussions with the railroads but they are not very good at having conversations unless they want something.
- 6.) **Statutory Citation to be modified AND proposed/revised language** (The Colorado Revised Statute is available for free at [this link](#), by selecting “Colorado Revised Statutes”).

Still working through this while addressing the PUC rule in place.
- 7.) **Relationship of this issue to the County Commissioner’s roles and/or authorities.**

This is a huge impact to counties budgets, especially smaller counties.
- 8.) **Has this proposal been approved by the Board of County Commissioners?**

Logan County Commissioners are in support of this proposal.
- 9.) **List any potential Proponents/Opponents & their perspectives; indicate any groups/individuals with whom you have already discussed this issue.**

Proponents would include local governments at every level
Opponents would include the railroads as they would have to pay for their upgrades themselves.
- 10.) **Have you visited with your legislator(s) about this proposal? What was their reaction? Are members of your delegation likely to sponsor, support, or oppose this proposal?**

Senator Byron Pelton understands the issue and is willing to sponsor this proposal as well as put it in front of the Transportation Legislative Review Committee.
- 11.) **Anticipated Fiscal Impact (to counties, state, other stakeholders, etc.).**

This will save local governments money and shift that burden back to the railroads.
- 12.) **Please list the local subject matter experts CCI staff can follow up with for more information on this proposal.**

I currently don’t have any experts but as they arise, I will work with CCI to get them connected.
- 13.) **If your county is submitting multiple issue forms, please rank each issue.**

This is the only policy from Logan County.

Please submit this completed form to Katie First at kfirst@ccionline.org

By Friday, July 12.