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Jenna: will the climate committee add trains to the climate solution. There is a great book called Solutionary Rail by Bill Moyer that should be read by the group. Dave Rowe
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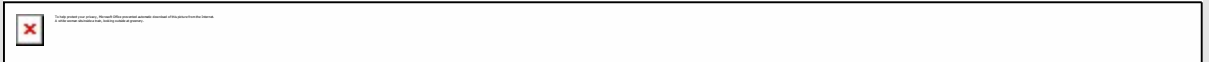
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The U.S. is one of the world's biggest carbon emitters. It needs to invest in trains.



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Antonia,

In the northern hemisphere, summer is almost upon us, and we're about to discover what the newest round of heat waves will have in store for us, thanks to climate change. **The planet keeps warming and warming**, yet government leaders don't seem to be doing much to address the main causes of this fiasco.

That's where trains come in. Cars and planes are some of the top contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, right up at the top of the list alongside animal agriculture. [Meanwhile, trains can transport huge amounts of people very rapidly, while producing only a fraction of the carbon emissions associated with planes or cars.](#)

Around the world, many countries are investing heavily in new technology to produce high-speed, high-quality railway experiences. **But, notably, the U.S. is not one of these countries – yet.**

The world's fastest train, located in China, can reach 286 mph / 460 kph. Meanwhile, the fastest 'Acela' trains in the U.S. currently run significantly slower, at a maximum speed of 150 mph, while the vast majority of trains in the country run much slower than that. **It's no wonder trains have been unattractive to Americans so far!**

Luckily, both public and private companies in the U.S. are starting to develop a handful of slightly faster rail projects. These range in location from California to Texas and Florida to Washington state. These are a great start, and we should encourage this. But we need more!

We can't afford to keep trains as an unattractive option in the U.S. any longer. To must fight climate change, we must invest in faster, better trains! [Sign the petition to demand the U.S. federal government increase its funding for better rail technology.](#)



Thank you,

Miranda

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P.S. Trains could be one of our big solutions to solving climate change, so we need one of the world's biggest carbon emitters — the U.S. — to increase its investment in public transportation. [Sign the petition.](#)

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