



PUSHING FOR INVESTMENT AND REFORMS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN

Senator Thune has continued to push for practical infrastructure investment and regulatory reforms that promote the fluidity and efficiency of the supply chain, benefitting South Dakota producers, small business, and consumers alike.

Highlights of Sen. Thune's Commitment to Supply Chain Investment and Reform

- **Introduced the Ocean Shipping Reform Act to Address Unfair Ocean Carrier Practices:**
 - South Dakotans expect that ocean carriers operate under fair and transparent rules. Unfortunately, on the part of ocean carriers, that is not always the case.
 - This bipartisan bill seeks to address these unfair practices by prohibiting ocean carriers from unreasonably declining opportunities for U.S. exports.
 - It would also promote transparency and efficiency by improving the complaint process and increase the accessibility of the agency to small businesses.
 - South Dakotans deserve a more level playing field that benefits producers, small businesses, and consumers alike.
- **Sought Greater State Autonomy over Designations of Critical Freight Infrastructure**
 - Every state is different, with varying economic and demographic circumstances.
 - Sen. Thune pushed to include language in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58) that provided states with more discretion on where to invest their limited freight infrastructure funding.
 - This language particularly benefits rural states like South Dakota, where small, arterial roads or railways that are often overlooked by bureaucrats in Washington play a major role in moving agricultural and industrial commodities to market.