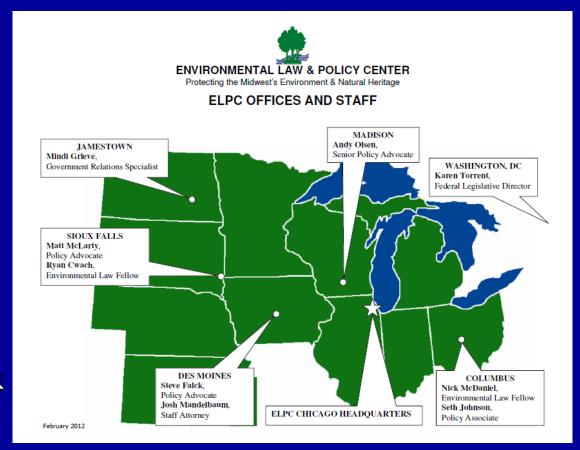
# Green Jobs with High-Speed Rail a Midwest Update

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### About ELPC

- 45 staff
- 8 offices
- \$6.75 million budget
- Promoting economic development & environmental protection



# The Swinging Pendulum

- "Republicans support ... high-speed passenger railroad system as an instrument of economic development, and enhanced mobility." - Republican Party National Platform, 2000
- "I will put a stop to this boondoggle the day I take office." – Scott Walker, Republican Candidate for Governor, WI

# Our Challenge: Restore Bipartisanship

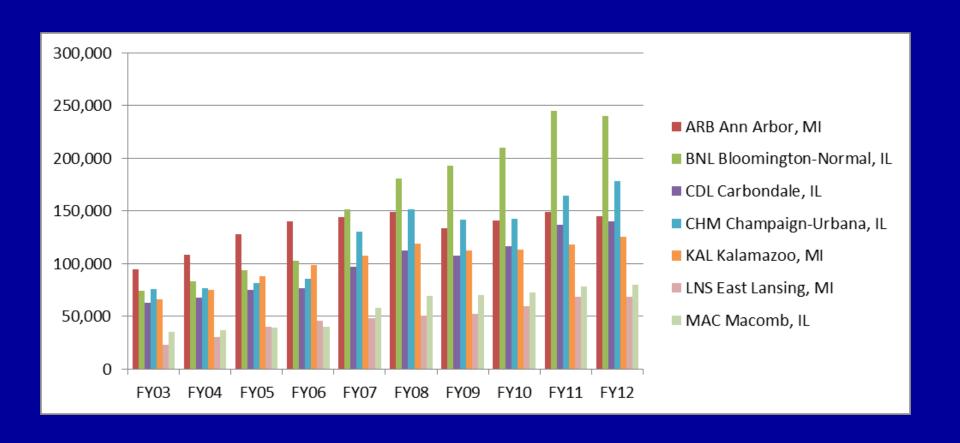
 Leverage Presidential support without antagonizing Republicans

 "This investment in our rail system is critical to Michigan's recovery." — Republican Governor Rick Snyder, 5/9/11

# Real jobs, real business opportunity (2010-11)



# People are flocking to trains



### The new "Normal"

• \$200 million private investment



\$782 million equipment

investment



# Revitalizing American Manufacturing

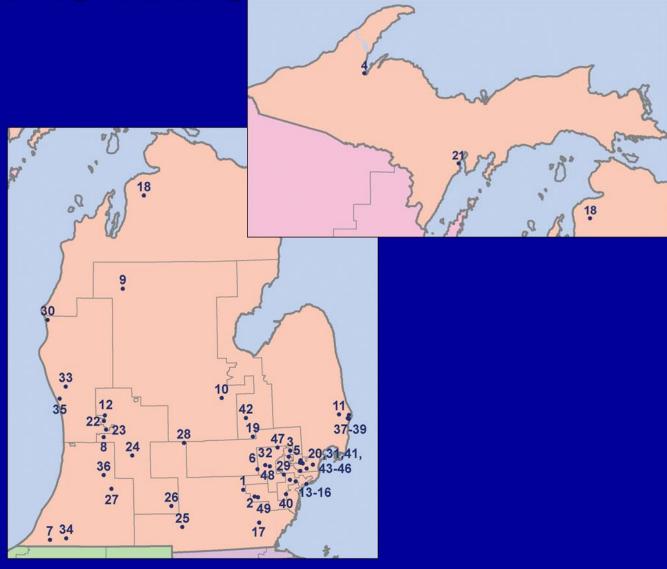
- We have the capacity to create American jobs building HSR
- 12 Original Equipment
   Manufacturers
- 460 Midwest highspeed rail supply chain businesses



# 75,76 Illinois: 84 firms See Chicago 48 53 Chicago

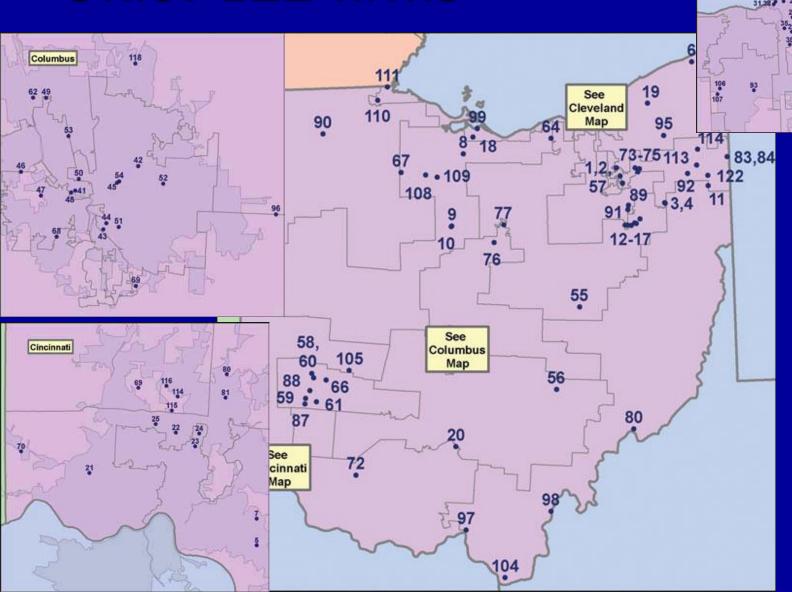
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Michigan: 49 firms



Wisconsin • 73 firms 56 Milwaukee 69 See Milwaukee

### Ohio: 122 firms



Cleveland

#### Indiana: 12-16 96 85 23,24 **100** firms 18-20 86 Indianapolis 89 93 See Indianapolis Map 95 21 82

#### What's Next?

#### **Opportunities**

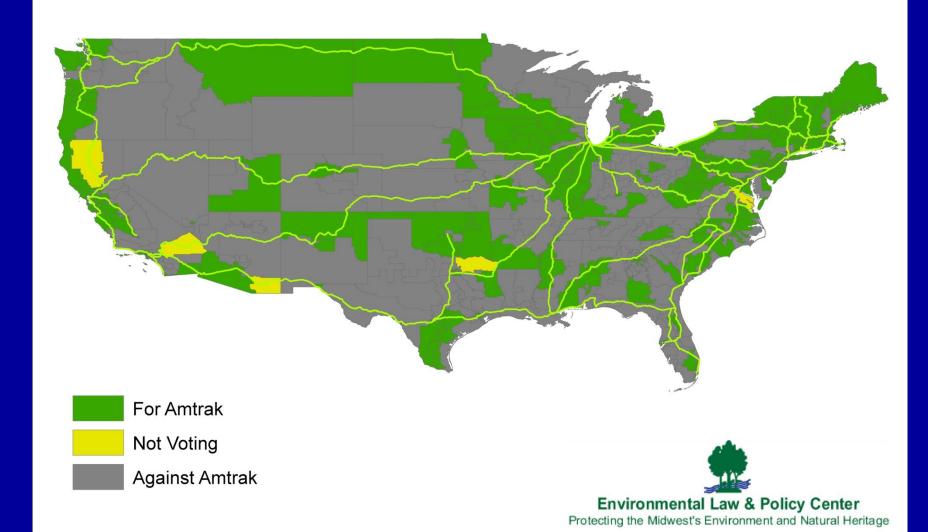
- PRIIA Reauthorization
- Map-21 Reauthorization
- Presidential leadership

#### **Challenges**

- Sequestration
- Budget negotiations
- Republican opposition



#### Roll Call Vote by Congressional District on Amendment 43 to House File 1 Continuing Resolution Defeated 250 to 176 on February 17, 2011





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