



Ian Jefferies

Senior Vice President – Government Affairs; incoming President and Chief Executive Officer

As senior vice president – government affairs, Ian Jefferies is responsible for leading the development, promotion and implementation of legislative priorities for the Association of American Railroads (AAR). Effective January 1, 2019, Jefferies will begin his new role as the AAR’s president and chief executive officer, in which he will continue to advocate for and work with member railroads to ensure the long-term viability of America’s railroad industry.

Before joining the AAR in 2013, Jefferies cultivated more than a decade of experience working within government. From 2009 to 2013, Jefferies served as a senior policy advisor to the Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. In this role, Jefferies provided guidance and directed policy efforts on a host of transportation issues, including railroad economic regulation, rail safety and passenger rail. Jefferies also led the successful development, negotiation and reauthorization of major infrastructure legislation and managed the successful conference of Committee legislation relating to the 2012 surface transportation reauthorization law, MAP 21.

Jefferies began his career in government serving as a Senior Advisor to the Mayor of Lexington, Kentucky, before transitioning to the federal government. Prior to serving in the United States Senate, he worked for the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Inspector General and the U.S. Government Accountability Office. In these roles, Jefferies led program reviews on a variety of issues including infrastructure development, international trade, major weapon systems acquisition and federal contracting.

Education

- Jefferies received his Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA and his Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY.

Personal

Jefferies and his wife reside with their three children in Alexandria, VA.

Association of American Railroads

America's freight railroads operate the safest, most efficient, cost-effective and environmentally sound freight transportation system in the world — and the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is committed to keeping it that way. AAR is the world's leading railroad policy, research and technology organization focusing on the safety and productivity of rail carriers. AAR members include the major freight railroads of the U.S., Canada and Mexico, as well as Amtrak.