

May 19, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of Brightline, thank you for your bipartisan leadership in advancing the BUILD America 250 Act and for your continued commitment to investing in America's transportation infrastructure.

Brightline strongly supports inclusion of a robust rail title as part of a comprehensive surface transportation reauthorization bill. As one of the nation's most significant privately developed high-speed rail projects, Brightline recognizes the critical importance of long-term federal partnership, regulatory certainty, and innovative financing tools that help deliver transformational infrastructure projects across the country.

The BUILD America 250 Act includes several important provisions that will help accelerate infrastructure delivery, strengthen transportation safety, and encourage continued private sector investment in passenger rail. In particular, the bill's emphasis on reforms to innovative financing programs that will unlock private capital and support large-scale infrastructure investment is an important step forward. Public-private partnerships remain essential to delivering major transportation projects efficiently and cost-effectively.

The Committee's continued support for competitive rail grant programs, including the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program, which provides meaningful opportunities to enhance rail safety, improve infrastructure reliability, and advance critical corridor investments is invaluable. It is instrumental in helping to deploy new technologies, modernize transportation infrastructure, and improve operational safety throughout the national rail network.

Additionally, Brightline supports provisions aimed at improving project delivery and streamlining environmental review processes. Modernizing and improving federal permitting and environmental review procedures will help ensure infrastructure projects can advance more efficiently while maintaining strong environmental protections. Predictable and timely project delivery is essential to meeting growing transportation demands and making sure the United States remains competitive in developing world-class infrastructure.

The BUILD America 250 Act reflects a strong bipartisan commitment to modernizing America's transportation system and investing in the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. Brightline appreciates the Committee's leadership and looks forward to continuing to work with Congress and federal partners to advance innovative passenger rail projects that support economic growth, job creation, mobility, and long-term national competitiveness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Husein Cumber".

Husein Cumber  
Senior Advisor  
Brightline Holdings