



**STATEMENT FROM THE COMMUTER RAIL COALITION
ON THE BUILD AMERICA 250 ACT**

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The COMMUTER RAIL COALITION applauds the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for addressing an existential crisis for the nation's commuter railroads: the accessibility and affordability of excess liability insurance. Extending the implementation timeline from 30 days to one year gives agencies the runway to negotiate the necessary insurance coverage while being responsible stewards of public dollars.

We look forward to working with the committee on implementation issues and participating in the working group.

Insurance market failures are not unique to rail: Industries and homeowners alike are concerned about future under-coverage in markets feeling the financial squeeze. The Build America 250 Act demonstrates the Committee's appreciation of the impact of these market forces, and we look forward to continuing the conversation to protect the viability of the transportation mode that delivers nearly 400 million rides each year.

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