



The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the Rail Security Alliance (RSA), congratulations on the release of the bipartisan, five-year surface transportation reauthorization bill, the BUILD America 250 Act. Advancing comprehensive surface transportation legislation is an important milestone for the Committee, Congress, and the many stakeholders who rely on a safe, secure, and resilient national transportation system.

The Rail Security Alliance exists to promote the adoption and enactment of policies and laws that protect the economic and national security of the North American rail supply and manufacturing industry. RSA was founded in 2016 by North America's largest freight railcar manufacturers and suppliers to address and confront the Chinese state-owned enterprise CRR Corporation Limited (CRR) as it launched a strategic incursion into the North American rolling stock market.

Over the past decade, RSA and its members have appreciated the opportunity to work with you, your staffs, and the Committee on policies affecting rail security and freight railcar manufacturing. In the most recent surface transportation reauthorization, Congress enacted the SAFE TRAINS Act to help protect the U.S. freight railcar market from unfair Chinese competition and strengthen the security of America's rail system.

We appreciate the Committee's continued leadership on these issues and the opportunity to continue working together as the surface transportation reauthorization process moves forward. RSA is a resource to the Committee and to support policies that strengthen America's freight rail network and manufacturing sector.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erik Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erik" and last name "Olson" clearly distinguishable.

Erik Olson
Executive Director
Rail Security Alliance