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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Railway Supply Institute's Support of the BUILD America 250 Act

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

The Railway Supply Institute (RSI), on behalf of its more than 160 member companies spanning the full freight and passenger rail supply chain, commends Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, and subcommittee leadership for working together to introduce the BUILD America 250 Act. This five-year surface transportation reauthorization represents an important step toward advancing a safer, more efficient, and more reliable national rail network. RSI appreciates the Committee's commitment to developing a bipartisan product that recognizes the importance of sustained investment, practical project delivery reforms, preserving and developing programs that help accelerate the deployment of next-generation rail technologies and equipment

As RSI's 2026 economic impact report demonstrates, the rail supply industry is a major driver of the national economy. The industry supports more than 338,000 direct jobs and an additional 568,300 jobs across the broader economy, reflecting the reach of rail manufacturing, engineering, maintenance, technology, and services in communities across the country. Continued investment in freight and passenger rail not only strengthens mobility and safety, but also supports skilled American jobs, expands domestic manufacturing capacity, and provides the certainty suppliers need to plan, hire, and deliver the equipment and components required to modernize the nation's rail system.

RSI looks forward to working with the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee in the weeks and months ahead as it continues to advance surface transportation reauthorization before the current authorization expires at the end of this fiscal year. As the process moves forward, RSI

will continue advocating for policies that sustain predictable, dedicated federal investment and encourage innovation across freight, passenger, and transit rail systems. We stand ready to serve as a resource for the Committee as it continues its work on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Ashley Shelton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Shelton".

Acting President
Railway Supply Institute