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## Report: Americans Overwhelmingly Concerned About Chinese Interference In U.S. Critical Infrastructure

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**(November 2018 - Washington, D.C.)** – The Rail Security Alliance (RSA) has published a report with data from APCO Insight illustrating Americans’ negative perception of foreign state-owned enterprises (SOEs) - particularly Chinese SOEs working on critical infrastructure projects and the use of U.S. taxpayer dollars to fund Chinese government companies.

Some of the most significant insights include:

- 57 percent of respondents were uncomfortable with U.S. taxpayer dollars going to a Chinese state-owned company
- 86 percent of respondents are concerned about the safety and security of U.S. rail systems and cars manufactured by Chinese state-owned companies
- 89 percent are overwhelmingly concerned that if a Chinese state-owned enterprise provides U.S. rail infrastructure, it will exert control over local, state and national government policy, including 60 percent that express “serious concerns”
- They also show a high level of concern with the risk of spying and cyber-attacks that could disrupt U.S. rail service (86 percent concerned, 41 percent very concerned)
- 98 percent agree that rail infrastructure deserves the same cybersecurity safeguards as critical infrastructure like energy, telecommunications and air travel
- 89 percent would prefer a publicly traded company from an allied country over a Chinese state-owned enterprise

“This survey shows that Americans do not want Chinese SOEs controlling some of our nation’s most critical infrastructure,” said Erik Olson, Vice President of the Rail Security Alliance. “There are serious concerns, especially with our railways. CRRC, the world’s largest rolling stock manufacturer and controlled by the Chinese government, is not only a direct threat to U.S national security, but to our economy and entire U.S. rail sector. With 140,000 miles of track, freight rail carries 40 percent of all American intercity freight and 13 percent of the nation’s goods, carrying industrial cargo and sensitive materials like military equipment, fuels, chemicals and hazardous waste - materials that we do not want in the hands of a hostile foreign government.”

This survey was conducted online among 1,000 U.S. adults nationwide from July 25 - August 6 and has a margin of error of +/- 3.6 percent.

An expert from the Rail Security Alliance is available to discuss the data further and address the threat of Chinese SOEs. Please email Fiona Burke to schedule an interview: [fiona.burke@clydegroup.com](mailto:fiona.burke@clydegroup.com).

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The Rail Security Alliance exists to support and encourage the adoption and enactment of U.S. policies, procedures and laws that are designed to promote the security of the railroads and railroad system of the United States of America.