## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

We write to inform you of the fact that within the past few days a proxy of the Chinese Communist Government has been funding and disseminating propaganda aimed at influencing specific Members of the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Conference Committee. The goal of Communist China is to pressure Members to not support language in the bill to block federal funding to Chinese State Owned Enterprises in the area of transit rail and busses (TIVSA, HR 2739).

This attempt at directly influencing our democratic governmental process needs to be pointed out. Do not be fooled. The entity posting twitter feeds to Members is known as CRRC MA. This is not a true American company. CRRC MA is a solely owned affiliate of CRRC, a Chinese State Owned Enterprise, fully directed by the Chinese Communist Party and part of their long-term geo-political strategy.

Examples of these tweets are attached to this letter. We respectfully ask that you understand and know the facts that this is coming directly from the Chinese Communist Party and their highly paid American messengers serving as agents of a foreign government.

Through Made in China 2025, which uses state-owned enterprises like CRRC MA, China seeks to use whatever resources they can to dupe the American public and dominate global high-end rail and electric vehicle manufacturing.

Further, China's willingness to subsidize the manufacture of both buses and rail cars threatens the viability of domestic manufacturers. Contrary to what CRRC MA is saying, there is a vibrant and competitive transit rail market in the U.S. with more than seven companies of allied nations that employ tens of thousands of Americans manufacturing transit rail cars. These companies produce high quality rolling stock, unlike that of CRRC which has been pulled out of service in Boston merely days after being introduced due to safety issues. If the Communist Chinese government has its way they would be out of business and replaced by less than 500 workers assembling transit railcars with all Chinese parts. Losing this ability to make both transit options domestically puts us at the mercy of potentially unfriendly foreign actors, and threatens our national security. We cannot let this happen.

Sincerely,

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