



## Rail Security Alliance: House Advances Infrastructure Bill With Bi-Partisan Rail Security Amendments

(Washington, D.C.) – Yesterday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee [completed](#) its markup of the INVEST in America Act ([H.R. 2](#)), as part of the U.S. response to COVID-19. The INVEST in America Act includes support for U.S. transit agencies and the domestic rolling stock industry.

This critical infrastructure bill includes several bi-partisan amendments that promote rail security in the U.S. and protect transit agencies and the domestic rollingstock industry from foreign threat.

Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR), Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY) and Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA), introduced key amendments to the infrastructure bill. The amendments follow [a new report](#), “When The Iron Is Hot: The Chinese Communist Party’s Subversion of U.S. Recovery Investment,” that outlines how Beijing seeks to draw from U.S. stimulus aide and pour tax-payer funding into foreign state-owned enterprises operating in the U.S.

The INVEST in America Act, with its key bipartisan amendments, addresses the national and economic security issues that foreign governments like China pose to U.S. markets, supply chains, and critical infrastructure such as passenger rail and the domestic rollingstock manufacturers and suppliers. It also builds on the the *Transit Infrastructure Vehicle Security Act (TIVSA)*, a provision of FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

The COVID-19 pandemic illumined how essential the U.S. passenger and freight rail systems are to everyday Americans.

Erik Olson, VP of the Rail Security Alliance, said, “Our country’s response to COVID-19 must include measures that address the economic and security risks that foreign state-owned enterprises pose to our nation’s critical rail infrastructure — including the industry’s manufacturers and suppliers, and passengers. The leadership that Reps. Crawford, Maloney and Perry have given to this issue is key and is reflective of the bipartisan support the amendments received in markup.”

The U.S. rail industry alone contributes \$6.5 billion GDP to the economy and 65,000 supports manufacturing jobs. On the passenger rail side, since 2014, China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation (CRRC) has won \$2.6 billion in contracts to supply subway cars to transit authorities in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia. Such contracts ship manufacturing jobs from the U.S. to China and come with other security issues.

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