



RSA Calls on U.S. Customs and Border Patrol to Investigate CRRC

Multiple reports indicate the Chinese state-owned enterprise uses forced labor and child labor in its passenger railcars

(Washington) – Today, the Rail Security Alliance (RSA) called on U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) to open an investigation into CRRC due to multiple reports that the Chinese state-owned enterprise uses forced labor and child labor in its passenger railcars.

In a [letter](#) to the agency, RSA Vice President Erik Olson said, “Given the credible accounts that CRRC is using forced labor and child labor to manufacture passenger railcars and that the parts for the railcars are now being shipped directly into the U.S. and used in major U.S. cities . . . we urge Customs and Border Protection to open an investigation into these imports and take proper action if the aforementioned claims are found to be true.”

The letter follows testimony that Olson, on behalf of RSA, provided to the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade for a Sept. 17 [hearing](#), “Enforcing the Ban on Imports Produced By Forced Labor in Xinjiang.” In [prepared testimony](#), Olson reported:

- The Australian Strategic Policy Institute [reported](#) that tens of thousands of Uyghur Muslim minorities were transferred out of Xinjiang from 2017 to 2019 and sent to work in factories which included those used in the supply chains of CRRC.
- [NBC News](#) reported in 2019 that CRRC relies on forced child labor in Madagascar to get supplies of mica, a mineral used in manufacturing CRRC railcars. Nearly a year later, officials at CRRC’s assembly plant in Springfield, MA still have not adequately answered questions related to these egregious labor violations.

“We have called on Congress to ensure products manufactured with forced and child labor, such as CRRC railcars, not be imported into the U.S. per Section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930,” Olson said. “We are encouraged that lawmakers in the House and the Senate are tackling this important issue, through legislation such as the proposed [Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act](#). But more must be done.”

Given the seriousness of these reports, and the fact that CRRC continues to ignore calls to provide a detailed account of its outsourcing, we urge Customs and Border Patrol to investigate these credible reports.”

A copy of the letter to CBP can be found [here](#).

ABOUT THE RAIL SECURITY ALLIANCE

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 the railroad system of the United States of America.

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