



U.S. Rail, Manufacturing and Supply Groups Support The Freight RAILCAR Act
The Rail Security Alliance and five U.S. manufacturing and supply groups confirmed support for H.R. 8082 in a letter to Congressmen Brad Schneider and Darin LaHood.

(Washington, D.C.) – Today, the Rail Security Alliance (RSA) and other industry groups expressed support for the *Freight Rail Assistance and Investment to Launch Coronavirus-era Activity and Recovery Act* (also known as H.R. 8082, the “Freight RAILCAR Act”).

In a letter to U.S. Reps. Brad Schneider (D-IL-10) and Darin LaHood (R-IL-18), who introduced the bill, RSA and other co-signers expressed support for [H.R. 8082](#) because it “would ensure the continued strength and survival of America’s freight railcar manufacturing industry during these challenging economic times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Along with RSA, the [Railway Supply Institute](#), [American Foundry Society](#), [American Iron and Steel Institute](#), [Steel Manufacturers Association](#) and [Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries](#) thanked the members for introducing such critical legislation. Together, these groups represent more than 1,400 manufacturing and railway supply companies in the U.S.

“The domestic freight railcar rolling stock industry directly consists of 65,000 American jobs plus tens of thousands of additional jobs connected to the rail supply chain including steel and component interests that, without action from Congress, are at risk of permanent loss,” the groups noted in the letter. “Additionally, this legislation would enhance and modernize the North American rail fleet, spurring production and employing Americans during these unprecedented times.”

“The Freight RAILCAR Act is a bill that would have positive impacts on key sectors in the U.S. economy now and in the years to come. The bipartisan support for this bill is encouraging,” said Erik Olson, Vice President of the Rail Security Alliance.” He added, “We are grateful to all the Congressmembers who see the merits in this legislation.”

In addition to Reps. Schneider and LaHood, original sponsors of The Freight RAILCAR Act include: Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL3), Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA3), Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR3) and Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR1). Co-sponsors to date include: Rep. Fred Keller (R-PA12), Rep. Roger Williams (R-TX25), Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR1), Rep. Harley Rouda (D-CA48), Rep. Michael F.Q. San Nicolas (D-GU-At Large), Rep. Sanford D. Bishop (D-GA2) Rep. Dean Phillips (D-MN3), Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC8), Rep. Jim Baird (R-IN4), Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX1).

A copy of the letter can be found [here](#). Information about H.R. 8082 is available [here](#).

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