



## **RSA: Metra's Decision on 500-Railcar a Win for U.S. Railcar Manufacturing**

*The Rail Security Alliance applauded Metra's decision to award its passenger railcar contract to an allied manufacturer over China's state-owned CRRC.*

(Washington, D.C.) – The Rail Security Alliance (RSA) applauds the Board of Directors of Metra, the Chicago area commuter rail system, for its [decision](#) to award its contract for 500 new passenger railcars to [Alstom Transportation](#). Alstom manufactures and uses suppliers in the U.S. including several in Metra's home state of Illinois. By rejecting an anti-competitive bid from Chinese state-owned manufacturer CRRC, Metra will help keep family-wage railcar manufacturing and rail supply jobs in the U.S.

Independent research confirms that state-owned enterprises like CRRC [take jobs away](#) from American workers and threaten U.S. national security due to the [close ties](#) companies like CRRC have to the Chinese Communist Party and its military.

RSA Vice President Erik Olson said, "Metra's decision is a win for U.S. railcar manufacturers and rail suppliers. Now more than ever, it's important to keep freight and passenger rail manufacturing and supply jobs in the U.S."

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