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The Honorable David Fink
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Fink:

On behalf of the Rail Security Alliance (RSA), I write to offer our congratulations on your confirmation by the United States Senate to serve as Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

Your long record of leadership and dedication to rail issues will serve the nation well at this critical moment. The FRA plays an essential role in ensuring the safety, security, and reliability of our rail network, and we are confident that under your stewardship the agency will continue to provide strong and forward-looking leadership for the freight rail sector.

RSA represents the manufacturing segment of the rail industry in North America for freight railcars and the supply of railcar components. We have worked with congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle and successive presidential administrations to strengthen the domestic rail industry and safeguard it from adversarial threats, predominantly those posed by the Chinese state-owned enterprise CRRC. Protecting our freight rail network is critical to our nation's economic and national security.

We look forward to working with you on a range of important issues, including the timely and effective implementation of the SAFE TRAINS Act, which prevents foreign manufacturers from adversarial nations from producing freight railcars and sensitive technologies for operation within the U.S. freight rail system. We believe your leadership at FRA will be central to ensuring these protections are enforced in a way that best secures our industry and the broader transportation network.

Congratulations again on your well-deserved confirmation. We are eager to work with you and your team in the months and years ahead to strengthen the U.S. freight rail industry and protect it against global threats.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erik Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erik" and last name "Olson" clearly distinguishable.

Erik Olson
Executive Director
Rail Security Alliance