

## RSA Commends Trump Administration for Working to Level the Playing Field Against China

(Washington, D.C.) – The <u>Rail Security Alliance</u> commends the Trump Administration for addressing unfair Chinese trade practices, which continually disadvantage American workers and industries.

Beyond the Administration's new one-year trade framework with China, RSA fully supports the Office of the United States Trade Representative as it seeks to conduct a Section 301 investigation into China's implementation of the Phase One Trade Agreement.

"Launching this investigation is the right thing to do to ensure China can no longer exploit U.S. workers and industries," said RSA Executive Director Erik Olson. "The investigation is a decisive move to hold Beijing accountable. We commend the Administration for taking this step. The Administration is right: Five years is too long to wait for China to move toward more reciprocal trade practices," Olson added.

As USTR <u>announced</u>, China appears to have not implemented the most basic commitments with respect to non-tariff barriers, market access issues, and purchases of U.S. goods and services. These and other tactics, including state subsidies, intellectual property theft, and market distortions, consistently harm U.S. businesses and workers.

A prime example is seen in China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation (CRRC), China's state-owned railcar builder. Using a playbook that leverages massive government subsidies to underbid competitors and dominate global railcar markets, CRRC not only threatens American manufacturing and supply jobs but also raises national security concerns due to its deep ties to the Chinese government and potential access to critical U.S. infrastructure. A deeper dive into China's playbook is here.

"RSA looks forward to collaborating with the Administration and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to continue holding China to account for its unfair trade practices," Olson said.

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