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The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chair
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tim Scott
Chair
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 205

Dear Chairmen Cruz and Scott and Ranking Members Cantwell and Warren:

We, the undersigned, representing the interests of American manufacturing and competitiveness, dedicated to protecting and creating quality American jobs, write to express our strong support for the Safeguarding Transit Operations to Prohibit (STOP) China Act.

This critical, bipartisan legislation is designed to safeguard America's public transportation systems by ensuring that taxpayer backed purchases of transit vehicles are free from the price distortions, unfair subsidies, and security vulnerabilities associated with foreign state-owned or controlled enterprises, particularly from adversarial nations such as China. This legislation directly strengthens both our national security and economic resilience by giving domestic manufacturers and America's workers throughout the U.S. supply chain a fair chance to compete for federally assisted rolling stock contracts.

Prompt enactment of the STOP China Act is essential to strengthen existing safeguards and prevent new business practices designed to evade the protections established by Section 7613 of the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Building upon that foundational law which restricts federally assisted transit purchases of rolling stock vehicles from certain state-supported and state-owned companies, this measure further enhances protections for our national and economic security. Absent passage of this legislation, entities Congress clearly intended to be restricted from our public infrastructure will continue to circumvent U.S. law.

U.S. manufacturers and America's workers are ready and eager to produce secure, reliable, and state-of-the-art transit vehicles. However, the presence of heavily subsidized foreign competitors – including those supported or owned by foreign adversaries such as China – continues to undermine American competitiveness, placing our workers and communities at a disadvantage. Passing the STOP China Act will send a clear message that the United States prioritizes national security, economic stability, and the livelihoods of American workers. This common

sense, bipartisan measure not only fortifies domestic production but also ensures the security and integrity of our nation's critical transit infrastructure.

Thank you for your leadership on this vital issue. We strongly urge swift passage of this bipartisan legislation.

Sincerely,

Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM)

Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA)

Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE)

International Brotherhood of Teamsters

United Steelworkers (USW)

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM)

Transport Workers Union of America (TWU)

American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI)

Cc: Members of the United States Senate