

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio  
Chair  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2164 Rayburn Office Building  
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Salt Lake City, June 16, 2020

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

On behalf of Stadler US, Inc., I would like to express our strong support for H.R. 2, the "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act" (INVEST in America Act).

The INVEST in America Act makes critical investments for surface transportation infrastructure, including \$105 billion for public transportation and \$60 billion for commuter rail, Amtrak, and other high-performance rail. The bill recognizes the immediate need for public transit agencies to continue to provide essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic and support our nation's economic recovery. It also provides a long-term vision to address the more than \$100 billion state-of-good-repair backlog in public transit infrastructure and meet the mobility demands of growing communities, including small urban and rural communities.

We support the amendments to the FTA Buy America Act that are included in the INVEST in America Act. We believe that these changes will make an important statement that the transportation industry supports investment in America. We have previously expressed our strong support of including the costs of final assembly in the calculation of domestic content, and we are pleased that this amendment has been included in the bill. We believe this inclusion ensures that businesses who create and retain jobs in the US will be able to effectively compete for transit projects. During the drafting of the legislation, we were able to share our input and concerns with Auke Mahar-Piersma and we want to add a special thank you to him for his careful and thorough consideration of the issues involved.

The investments in public transportation and passenger rail contained in the INVEST in America Act are absolutely critical to jumpstart our economic recovery. We appreciate your support and work in making this timely and significant investments in infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Martin Ritter  
CEO, Stadler US Inc.