

# OneRail

*America's Future Is Riding On It*

## **Putting America to Work: Rail Manufacturing in the U.S. A DISCUSSION FORUM**

Hosted by

The U.S. House of Representatives Manufacturing Caucus  
and the OneRail Coalition

**Tuesday, October 24, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

The U.S. Capitol Visitor Center  
First Street Northeast, Room CVC 217  
Washington, DC 20515



OneRail is pleased to co-sponsor with the House Manufacturing Caucus this Forum on Rail Manufacturing in the United States to highlight the value to our economy of manufacturing jobs and services in the railway supply industry.

Senior executives from four major rail industry manufacturers – Siemens, GE Transportation, Alstom, and Progress Rail – will discuss their rail manufacturing efforts, the types of jobs performed by their workforce, recent manufacturing innovations, customer profiles, and current business trends.

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**Progress Rail**  
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# Program

1:30 PM *INTRODUCTORY REMARKS*, Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY 23rd District), Co-Chair, House Manufacturing Caucus (invited); Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH 13th District), Co-Chair, House Manufacturing Caucus (invited)

1:35-2:10 PM Panel Presentations

## Moderator

Anne Canby, Director, OneRail

## Speakers

**Scott Sherin**, Vice President, Marketing & Strategy, Alstom North America

**Charmin Tillman**, Chief Marketing Officer, GE Transportation

**James A. Shirvinski**, Senior Vice President of Engineering, Progress Rail

**Robin Arthur Stimson**, Vice President, Business Development, Passenger Rail Systems Mobility Division, Siemens

2:10 PM *REMARKS*, Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE), Co-Chair, Senate Competitiveness Caucus (invited)

2:15-2:30 PM Q and A

## Speakers & Panelists



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Co-Chair, House  
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## MODERATOR



**Anne P. Canby** is the founder and director of the OneRail Coalition, a diverse group of rail stakeholders who have come together to inform policymakers and citizens about the benefits of a strong freight and passenger rail system.

**Anne Canby**  
Director, OneRail Coalition

## PANELISTS



**Scott Sherin** has more than 15 years of experience in the transportation industry, working with both passenger and freight customers in North America, China, and Europe. He has been with Alstom for the past 7 years, serving as Vice President with responsibility for strategy, marketing, and industry relations. Previously, he worked for General Electric in their transportation and Energy Businesses, where he focused on business growth through new product introductions, mergers and acquisitions, and global expansion in China. He received his Masters in Business Administration from Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute, and Bachelor's of Science in Labor and Industrial Relations from Penn State University.



**Charmin Tillman** heads global strategic marketing for GE Transportation, responsible for leading market intelligence, strategy development, product marketing, and strategic initiatives. She has over 20 years of experience in marketing and growth strategy. Charmin spent eight years at GE Capital prior to joining GE transportation. In prior roles, she served as Head of Strategy for GE Capital EMEA's commercial and retail financial services business, and as global sales effectiveness leader and business segment marketing leader at GE Capital Real Estate. Charmin graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree in Economics, and received her MBA from Stanford University.



**Jim Shirvinski** serves as Senior Vice President of Engineering for Progress Rail, a Caterpillar Company. Jim oversees the Locomotive & Railcar Services (LRS) engineering team, and originally joined Progress Rail in 2011 as Director of Operations for the company's Muncie, Indiana facility. Jim has responsibility for all locomotive engineering, including new EMD and transit locomotives, as well as railcar engineering. Prior to joining Progress Rail, Jim held a variety of senior management positions, including Vice President of Manufacturing and General Manager for Union Tank Car Company. Jim is a graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Engineering and was pursuing a Masters degree in Business Administration before his move to Alexandria, Louisiana to work for Union Tank Car. Jim was also an Associate Professor for Purdue University Calumet, in the Internal Combustion Engine Design area.



**Robin Arthur Stimson** has led the sales and marketing activities for Siemens rolling stock business in North America since 1998. In 2007, Robin was appointed to also lead the key account activities for the Siemens passenger rail business for North America. These businesses include rolling stock, rail automation, rail electrification, and customer service. His 31-year career with Siemens has all been in the rail industry. Robin began his career in contract administration with the U.S. Embassy in Germany and in 1986 joined Siemens as a project controller in the emerging light rail market. He has held several management positions in project controlling and sales. Robin is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara, with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Masters degree in Business Administration from Boston University.

## What's at Stake

**Infrastructure**, a legislative priority for the Trump Administration, is a critically important issue in America. **Transportation**, a key component of infrastructure, affects the daily lives of Americans. **Railroads** are an integral part of the U.S. transportation system, providing a competitive advantage to American consumers and a safe and comfortable transportation option for passengers.

Hundreds of U.S. companies manufacture the equipment and components that support the nation's rail infrastructure. These **railway manufacturing and supply industry companies** are vital to our nation's freight and passenger rail system, providing hundreds of thousands of well-paying, skilled, private-sector jobs.

**Railway supply industry jobs** encompass a range of skills, from basic manufacturing, to analysis of 'big data,' to application of advanced technologies that maximize the safety and reliability of the nation's rail networks. The jobs are located throughout the U.S. in rural as well as urban areas and often provide the economic engine in their communities.

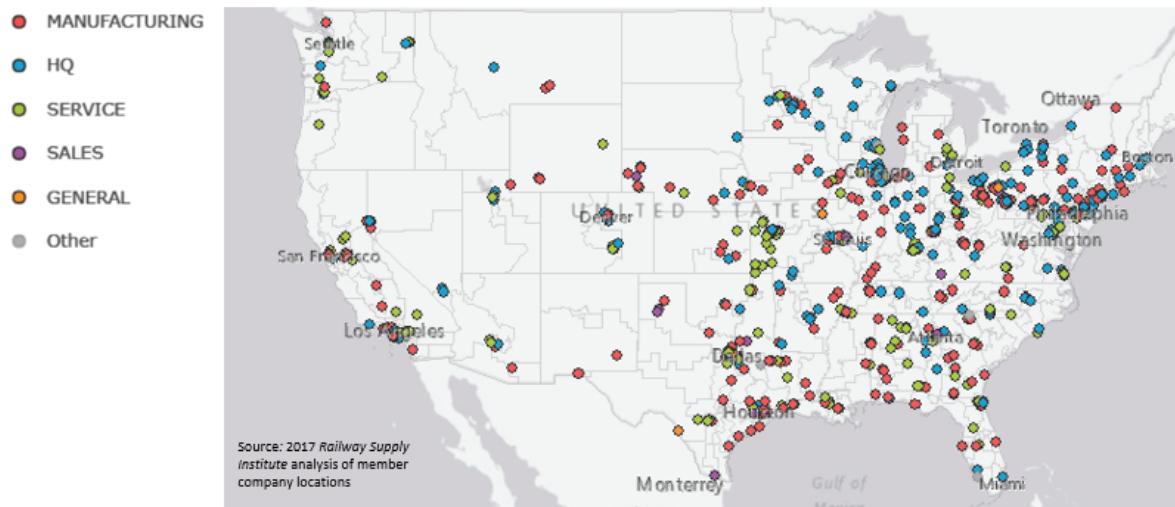
**A strong rail manufacturing industry** is critical to our continued economic stability and growth.

### FACTS about America's Railway Supply Industry and its contribution to the U.S. economy

- A Railway Supply Institute analysis of its member companies supporting the U.S. freight rail industry found they have more than 756 locations in 44 states.
- Amtrak's top 50 suppliers alone are located in 21 states.
- The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) statistics show that public transportation is a \$66-billion industry that directly employs 400,000 people and supports millions of private sector jobs.



### U.S. Rail Manufacturing and Supply Industry



By setting the stage for strong and growing freight and passenger rail services through sensible regulations and a strong federal funding partner, Congress can support the many thousands of good paying jobs in the rail supply/manufacturing industry and help the president fulfill his \$1 trillion promise to build a 21st-century infrastructure system in America.



## Learn More

**House Manufacturing Caucus:** <https://housemanufacturingcaucus-reed.house.gov/>  
**Alstom:** <http://www.alstom.com/usa/>  
**GE Transportation:** <http://www.getransportation.com/>  
**Progress Rail:** <http://www.progressrail.com/>  
**Siemens:** <http://w3.usa.siemens.com/mobility/us/en/Pages/siemens-mobility.aspx>  
**OneRail:** <http://onerail.org/>  
**Association of American Railroads:** <https://www.aar.org/>  
**American Public Transportation Association:** <http://www.apta.com/>  
**Railway Supply Institute:** <http://www.rsiweb.org/>

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