
From: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
To: Ryan, James (FTA); Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
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Subject: RE: Controlled correspondence

Sounds like a question TCC might want to take a crack at answering since the letter is not really about a project specific concern, but an overall Buy America concern. Peter has made it very clear in meetings with Houston METRO and internal FTA discussions that this Administration is interested not only in compliance with Buy America, but in increasing domestic railcar manufacturers. Peter mentioned this topic is near and dear to the Vice President's heart. I would ask Sharon Buckner to have the control reassigned to TCC (Dorval Carter).

From: Ryan, James (FTA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2010 5:02 PM
To: Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
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I have Honolulu-related control for the Secretary's signature. The incoming is from a Pittsburgh congressman whose district includes Bombardier's US rail-car plant. He observes that, while all competitors for the upcoming rail-car purchase will find a way to meet the minimum Buy-America requirements, companies with established roots in the US contribute more permanent American jobs. He asks the Secretary's "support in assuring a robust and transparent selection process that emphasizes the importance domestic economic benefits and long-term commitment to the US market."

Any advice on how to respond?

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