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**From:** Borinsky, Susan (FTA)  
**To:** Ryan, James (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Buckner, Sharon (FTA)  
**Sent:** 5/5/2010 11:41:25 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Controlled correspondence

Jim, TCA should reassign this control to TCC. The Congressman is not asking a question about FTA's handling of the Honolulu project in the New Starts process. He's asking about FTA's Buy America selection process. FTA's response will have to explain the legal framework under which FTA administers Buy American. TCC is best equipped to do that. Sharon can probably arrange for the reassignment. Susan

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**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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