

## **General Talking Points Supporting Mr. Castle Amendment Studying Foreign Rail Security**

- This amendment requires DHS to study rail security best practices in other countries that are not currently used in the United States.
- This study should include an evaluation of practices such as covert testing, security measures built into infrastructure, and random searches of passengers and baggage.
- Other nations who are more experience with terrorist attacks on rail may have a lot to teach us about how to secure our systems.
- GAO testified before our committee that while we share many rail security practices with other countries, such as customer awareness, canine teams, limited passenger and baggage screening, and technology upgrades, we haven't explored every viable practice.
- However, GAO noted that we do not use covert testing, random screenings, and a national government clearinghouse on technologies and best practices.

- It makes sense to learn what we can from our neighbors who have already done a lot of work in this area.