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On August 31, 2017, Congressman Jim Banks (R-IN-3) joined representatives from Press-Seal Corporation and passenger rail advocacy groups to tour Press-Seal's Fort Wayne facility, learn about their extensive freight rail and transit products, and discuss public policy priorities for the business and rail communities in greater Fort Wayne. The Railway Engineering-Maintenance and Suppliers Association (REMSA), a non-profit trade group representing over 340 railway engineers, contractors, consultants, and suppliers across the country, coordinated the event. The \$5 billion maintenance of way industry supports over 35,000 jobs nationwide. Eleven REMSA members maintain operations in Indiana.

Press-Seal Rail Products provides innovations in concrete tie anchoring solutions and serves the major transit and freight rail systems. Customers can count on many years of engineering and manufacturing strength in the Fort Wayne, Indiana, facility along with logistical warehousing in Sparks, Nevada. Founded in 1954, Press-Seal Corporation has grown to include manufacturing for not only rail or underground infrastructure, but for rubber, plastic and machining. Press-Seal currently employs over 180 associates at its Fort Wayne facility.



Gary Jones and Rep. Banks

The tour was led by Press-Seal Corporation's Director of Operations, Peter Skinner. During the visit, Congressman Banks saw the manufacturing of several rail products, including Nylon tie inserts for concrete rail ties, rail pads for switches and special track work, and steel inserts used in concrete ties made for the transit industry.

"We are honored to host Congressman Banks and share our Fort Wayne success story and continued commitment to the region with him," said Press-Seal Corporation's Executive Chairman Jim Skinner. "Reliable and consistent funding for transportation projects at the federal and state levels are critical to supporting rail supply manufacturing jobs here in Fort Wayne and around our state. We appreciate Congressman Banks' time and interest in learning more about our industry."

Congressman Jim Banks was elected to serve Indiana's Third District in 2016 and is currently serving his first term. He serves on the House Armed Services, Science Space and Technology, and Veterans Affairs Committees. A native Hoosier, Rep. Banks is focused on pro-growth policies that will create high-skill, high-paying Indiana jobs. He

resides in Columbia City with his wife and three daughters.

"I greatly appreciate the opportunity to tour Press-Seal Corporation's local operations and learn more about their exciting rail products" said Rep. Banks. "I look forward to continuing to engage with those present today as we work together to create jobs, spur economic activity across the state, and ensure our communities are safely and efficiently served by rail."



Daniel Skinner and Rep. Banks

The group discussed the private nature of America's freight railroad network, which does not rely on federal support for the expansion or maintenance of its right-of-way unlike other modes of freight transportation. Also discussed was the Transportation Investment Generation Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program and its funding situation in Congress.

Also in attendance were Dorothy Hagan, Board Member, Northern Indiana Passenger Rail; Gary Jones, Product Manager, Press-Seal Rail Products; Fred Lanahan, President, Northeast Indiana Passenger Rail Association; Daniel Skinner, Director of Sales, Press-Seal Corporation; and Sean Winkler, Director of Advocacy, REMSA.

In Indiana, 41 freight railroads operate over 4,200 track miles and employ over 6,200.

Local Media:

1. News 15 (CBS): Manufacturing, engineering tour in Fort Wayne (<http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=3825&DateTime=8%2F31%2F2017+12%3A02%3A30+PM&Term=Jim+Banks&PlayClip=TRUE>)

Industry Media:

1. RT&S: Rep. Banks joins Press-Seal for facility tour, public policy discussion (<http://www.rtands.com/index.php/track-maintenance/off-track-maintenance/rep-banks-joins-press-seal-for-facility-tour-public-policy-discussion.html>)
2. Progressive Railroading: U.S. Rep. Banks Tours Press-Seal's Indiana Plant (http://www.progressiverailroading.com/supplier_spotlight/news/US-Rep-Banks-tours-Press-Seals-Indiana-plant--52617)

PRESS RELEASES (GRASSROOTSPR)

> Congressman Flores Staff and Waco Mayor Kyle Deaver Join NRC/REMSA Member Axion Structural Innovations for Tour, Rail Discussion (axionflores)

> Congressman Quigley joins REMSA member Industry-Railway Suppliers, rail stakeholders and local officials for Elmhurst facility tour and rail discussion (irsquigley)

> US Congressman Bost Joins NRC/REMSA Member R. J. Corman Railroad Services for Tour, Rail Discussion (cormanbost)

> Congressman Pallone joins REMSA member Cembre and local railroad for tour, rail cutting demonstration (pallonecembre)