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Knoxville, TN – On May 2, 2016, Senator Bob Corker's (R-TN) Legislative Assistant, John Haley joined representatives from UNITRAC to tour their manufacturing facility, learn about their various railroad products and track work services, and discuss public policy priorities for the business and rail communities in Tennessee. 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.

The tour was led by UNITRAC's President Phil Pietrandrea. Also in attendance was Sean Winkler, Grassroots Coordinator, REMSA.

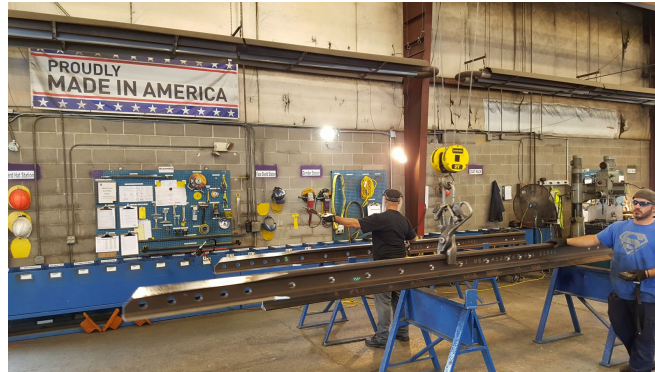
"A strong railroad industry, which continues to invest billions into its rail system, is critical to the wellbeing of our state and local community" said Pietrandrea. "We are honored to be joined by Senator Corker's office today and appreciate our Senator's willingness to learn more about our history and commitment to Knoxville, our role as a local manufacturer, and as a member of the larger rail industry."



L to R: Haley (Corker), Winkler (REMSA), and Pietrandrea (UNITRAC)

UNITRAC Railroad Materials, Inc. draws on more than 85 years of experience in the design, manufacturing and supplying of the nation's railroads with a full line of high-quality railroad products and track work services. They maintain a 35,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in Knoxville, which employs approximately 110 people.

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 recent bipartisan and bicameral introduction of the Building Rail Access for Customers and the Economy (BRACE) Act. The BRACE Act will allow the nation's small, local freight railroads to increase their reinvestments to upgrade and expand the "first and last mile" of transportation infrastructure by making the Short Line Tax Credit permanent.



UNITRAC's Manufacturing Facility

In Tennessee, 25 freight railroads operate and maintain over 2,600 miles of track and support over 4,200 jobs. Five REMSA members are headquartered in Tennessee.

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