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# S. 2276

To allow the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to Amtrak, other rail carriers, and providers of mass transportation for improvements to the security of our Nation's rail and mass transportation system.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 1, 2004

Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Railroad and Mass  
5 Transportation Public Protection Program Act".

1 **SEC. 2. RAILROAD AND MASS TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC**  
2 **PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANTS.**

3 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Home-  
4 land Security may make grants to Amtrak, other rail car-  
5 riers, and mass transportation providers for improvements  
6 to the security of the rail and mass transportation system  
7 within the United States.

8 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded pursuant to  
9 subsection (a) shall be used—

10 (1) to increase the law enforcement presence at  
11 rail stations and on trains operated by Amtrak or  
12 other rail carriers, and at bus stations and on buses  
13 operated by mass transportation providers;

14 (2) to increase the number of explosives detec-  
15 tion canine units at rail and bus stations; and

16 (3) to provide funding for more surveillance  
17 equipment at rail and bus stations, including video  
18 monitoring cameras.

19 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded pur-  
20 suant to subsection (a) shall be distributed in accordance  
21 with the following formula:

22 (1) One-third of the total amount of grants  
23 awarded pursuant to subsection (a) shall be distrib-  
24 uted to Amtrak for use for Amtrak locations in an  
25 amount for a location that bears the same ratio to  
26 the total amount distributed to Amtrak as—

1 (A) the total number of rail passengers  
2 served at that location, bears to

3 (B) the total number of rail passengers  
4 served at all Amtrak locations.

5 (2) Two-thirds of the total amount of grants  
6 awarded pursuant to subsection (a) shall be distrib-  
7 uted among all other rail carriers and mass trans-  
8 portation providers on the basis of relative need, as  
9 determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
10 on the basis of factors that the Secretary of Home-  
11 land Security shall prescribe.

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) MASS TRANSPORTATION.—The term “mass  
14 transportation” shall have the meaning given such  
15 term in section 5302 of title 49, United States Code.

16 (2) RAIL CARRIER.—The term “rail carrier”  
17 shall have the meaning given such term in section  
18 10102 of title 49, United States Code.

19 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
20 are authorized to be appropriated for the grant program  
21 under this section \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
22 2005 through 2009.

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