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## **STRONG POLITICAL BACKING FOR CROSSRAIL 2 IS "EXCELLENT NEWS" – RAILWAY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

Following the announcement today by both Transport Secretary Chris Grayling and London Mayor Sadiq Khan, supporting Crossrail 2, Darren Caplan, Chief Executive of the Railway Industry Association (RIA), said:

"Over recent weeks there have been growing concerns that Crossrail 2 would be quietly dropped. Today's joint statement by Transport Secretary Chris Grayling and London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, offering their full throttle support to this vital infrastructure project, is excellent news for both London and the whole of the UK.

"Major transport projects need strong political leadership and with Crossrail 2 essential for both the UK and the capital's economy and connectivity, we now urge policy-makers in both Whitehall and City Hall to work together to ensure the scheme can progress as quickly as possible.

"Crossrail 2 will provide a huge economic boost for the whole of the UK. Passengers will experience vastly improved connectivity with the national rail network and rail suppliers from all parts of the country will help deliver the project, giving a welcome boost in particular to jobs and productivity."

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

1. The Railway Industry Association is the long-established trade association for the UK railway supply industry. Its member companies include manufacturers, maintainers, contractors, consultants and suppliers of specialist services. For further information, see our website at [www.riagb.org.uk](http://www.riagb.org.uk) or us on 020 7201 0777.

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