

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 2, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

As negotiations regarding Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) continue, we write to highlight the necessity of robust appropriations for the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (“Amtrak”). While major capital projects and state-of-good-repair needs are being met in-part by the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)*, annual funding is essential to Amtrak’s standard operations and service.

Currently, the House Committee on Appropriations has proposed severe reductions for Amtrak’s National Network (64 percent cut) and the Northeast Corridor (NEC) (92 percent cut), as well as the elimination of the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Rail Program. This approach is misguided and shortsighted, as the shortfalls created are not able to be made up by the advance funding provided by IIJA.

The result of this position, if it were actualized in the final FY24 budget, would dramatically impact Amtrak’s ability to properly function day-to-day and harm our congressional districts’ economies, infrastructure, and workforces. Cuts to the National Network and the NEC would result in reduced or entirely suspended service on routes across the country: fewer trains, more delays, and higher prices for Americans that travel with Amtrak for their commute, work, leisure, and more. Likewise, the elimination of the Fed-State Partnership would harm American businesses of every shape and size by inhibiting the improvement of intercity rail services, restricting construction and manufacturing jobs opportunities, and disrupting our national supply chain.

Simply put, our communities rely on Amtrak to keep us moving. Proposals to reduce federal funding to levels so low that normal operations would come to a grinding halt would create unreasonable and unjustifiable disruptions in our constituents’ daily lives. For these reasons, as you continue to negotiate the FY24 appropriations package, we respectfully request strong funding levels for Amtrak and intercity passenger rail programs.

Thank you for your leadership and continued partnership.

Sincerely,



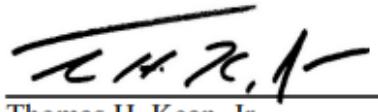
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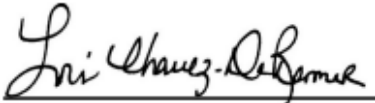
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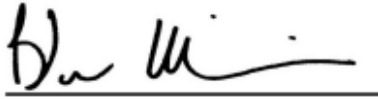
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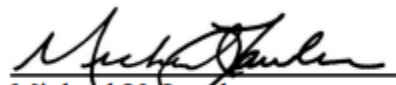
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