

Chair, **Patricia Quinn**, NNEPRA
Vice Chair, **David Kutrosky**, CCJPA
Treasurer, **Paul C. Worley**, North Carolina DOT
Secretary, **Karen Songhurst**, Vermont AOT

States for
www.s4prc.org



February 8, 2016

The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott III
Chairman
United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
Vice Chairman
United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

The Honorable Debra Miller
United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Surface Transportation Board Decision
Docket No. EP 726
Definition of "on-time performance" 49 USC 24308(f)

Dear Chairman Elliott and Surface Transportation Board Members:

On behalf of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition, Inc. (SPRC) I am pleased to provide the attached comments to the record on the above-referenced rulemaking.

Our members sponsor 30 intercity passenger routes serving 296 communities across America. Last year our trains carried almost 15 million passengers, representing 48% of Amtrak's total ridership. We also contributed \$711 million in revenues to Amtrak, through \$489 million in passenger revenues plus \$222 million in contract payments.

SPRC members also partner with the USDOT and host freight railroads to make critical investments in rail safety and capacity, stations, and other network improvements to help ensure effective, reliable and efficient freight and intercity passenger services.

Sincerely,

Patricia Quinn
Chair, States for Passenger Rail Coalition, Inc.
Executive Director, Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

Attachment:

California
Connecticut
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Louisiana
Maryland
Massachusetts
Maine
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nevada
New York
North Carolina
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Texas
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
Wisconsin
Capital Corridor
Joint Powers
Authority
Northern
New England
Passenger
Rail Authority