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The States for Passenger Rail Coalition (SPRC) congratulates the Amtrak Board of Directors for their selection of Charles “Wick” Moorman as the new President and CEO for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak).

SPRC members greatly appreciate Chairman Coscia's leadership and the careful work of the search committee in listening to shareholders, their critical examination of the issues facing Amtrak, and in their selection of Moorman to lead Amtrak.

Moorman's skills and breadth of experience will be especially helpful in progressing intercity passenger rail services across America.

The States for Passenger Rail Coalition, Inc. is an advocacy group made up of leaders from 22 state departments of transportation, and three passenger rail authorities, from across the United States who work together to support the development and growth of passenger rail service for America.

SPRC members sponsor 29 - intercity passenger routes serving 296 communities across America. Last year our trains carried almost 15 million passengers, representing 48% of Amtrak's total ridership. In FY2015, we also contributed \$788 million in revenues to Amtrak, through \$565 million in passenger revenues plus \$223 million in contract payments, representing approximately 31% of Amtrak's total revenues.

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 rail services.

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