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**VIA Email**

June 10, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senate Majority Leader  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
U.S. Senate Minority Leader  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer, Leader McCarthy, and Leader McConnell:

As Chair and Vice Chair of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition, Inc. (SPRC) we write to you on behalf of our members to support increased funding for intercity passenger rail within the reauthorization of the FAST Act.

The States for Passenger Rail Coalition, Inc. (SPRC) consists of 19 State departments of transportation and four passenger rail authorities from across the United States who work together to support the development and growth of passenger rail service. Established in 2000, the SPRC has members representing the States of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. Additional members include the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency, the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, and the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

SPRC members sponsor 29 intercity passenger rail routes serving 296 communities across America and have a vested interest in the Amtrak national network of long-distance routes and the Northeast Corridor. As intercity passenger rail service sponsors, SPRC members are steadfastly committed to safety, service quality and reliability. Safety is critical to our service, passengers, employees, host railroads and the communities we serve.

Increased funding for passenger rail investments in the next Surface Transportation Authorization Bill will enable our states and rail authorities to build upon their well-documented success in strengthening our national intercity passenger rail network.

The SPRC member states and passenger rail authorities seek your support, and that of your respective committee chairs, for a robust national program of investment in passenger rail that supports the nation's economic recovery. We stand ready to provide any assistance we can offer in support of expansion of passenger rail as part of an integrated transportation system to meet the mobility needs of all.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your continued leadership in providing funding to address the critical infrastructure needs of our nation.

Best Regards,

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Chair, States for Passenger Rail Coalition, Inc.

Jeremy Latimer  
Vice Chair, States for Passenger Rail Coalition, Inc.

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