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Via Email

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Thank you for the opportunity for the States for Passenger Rail Coalition, Inc., to comment on FRA's Proposed Rule covering "Metrics and Minimum Standards for Intercity Passenger Rail Service" [Docket ID: FRA-2019-0069]. The States for Passenger Rail Coalition (SPRC) is an alliance of 24 State and Regional Transportation Officials and Passenger Rail Authorities across the United States. SPRC's mission is to promote the development, implementation, and expansion of Intercity Passenger Rail as part of an integrated national transportation network.

Therefore, SPRC believes it is imperative that well documented, passenger-based, on-time-performance standards that result in improving the reliability of Amtrak passenger rail service will benefit all travelers. A key component for ensuring reliable service is the publishing and adherence to published Amtrak schedules.

Several SPRC Member organizations have indicated that they intend to submit written comments to this FRA document and we support FRA's consideration of these regional- and state-specific points. Nonetheless, SPRC is in full support of a good faith effort on the part of the affected Host Railroads and Amtrak to examine and cooperatively adjust any existing and future published schedules for the benefit of the traveling public. A well-documented and multi-party approved schedule ensures passengers can rely on the posted schedule for meeting their travel needs.

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment on this important rule. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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