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Mr. Edward R. Hamberger, President and CEO
Association of American Railroads
425 Third Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Hamberger,

The States for Passenger Rail Coalition, Inc. (SPRC) is comprised of twenty-three state departments of transportation and two regional authorities who are responsible for state corridor intercity passenger rail services. In 2014 nearly half (48%) of America's intercity passengers traveled aboard state-sponsored trains.

Upon adoption of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) of 2008, the federal government devolved many significant responsibilities for state corridor intercity passenger rail services to our members. Thus SPRC members frequently interact with their host railroads to make safety and capacity investments, strive to meet service quality and on-time performance (OTP) targets, and implement positive train control (PTC). We also are progressing procurement of new locomotives and passenger cars which will operate over the host railroads.

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Association of American Railroads continue the dialogue with states begun earlier last year. We also suggest broadening the subject areas under discussion in order to more efficiently collaborate on making effective investments, operating both freight and passenger services safely and reliably, implementing new equipment, and addressing OTP issues.

Would you please advise me of a date and time, at your earliest available opportunity, when we might discuss this request? I am often in Washington, DC, and perhaps we can find a mutually convenient time to re-initiate this dialogue.

Sincerely,

Patricia Quinn, Chair

cc: Joseph H. Boardman, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation

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