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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
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The Honorable Debra Miller
United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Re: Surface Transportation Board Decision
Docket No. EP 728 Notice of Proposed Statement of Board Policy
POLICY STATEMENT ON IMPLEMENTING INTERCITY PASSENGER TRAIN ON-TIME
PERFORMANCE AND PREFERENCE PROVISIONS OF U.S.C. 49 24308(c) AND (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 support the national intercity passenger rail network and sponsor 30 intercity passenger routes serving 296 communities across America. During federal fiscal year 2015 our trains carried almost 15 million passengers, representing 48% of Amtrak's total ridership. We also contributed \$712 million in revenues to Amtrak, through \$489 million in passenger revenues plus \$223 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

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