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September 21, 2015

Mr. Edward R. Hamberger  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Association of American Railroads  
425 Third Street, Suite 1000  
Washington, DC 20024

Via e-mail

Dear Mr. Hamberger:

On behalf of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition, Inc., (SPRC), thank you for your letter, dated September 17, 2015, requesting participation in a legislative discussion hosted by the Association of American Railroads (AAR) regarding implementation of positive train control (PTC).

As intercity passenger rail service sponsors, SPRC members are committed to safety. Safety is critical to our service, passengers, employees and the communities we serve. We recognize that deployment of the new technologies presents challenges. We also agree that the roll-out of PTC must be fail-safe, effective and efficient. Collectively SPRC members have invested hundreds of millions of dollars towards the installation of PTC and cannot risk a potential interruption in service which could result from the enforcement of the current timeframe. SPRC supports extension of the December 31, 2015 deadline for implementation of PTC and we pledge to work with all parties for a successful and timely roll-out.

The date of September 29<sup>th</sup> for the legislative discussion conflicts with previously scheduled meetings, however, if you can provide a conference telephone line I will designate a representative to participate on behalf of the SPRC, and will do my best to attend the beginning of that meeting personally if my travel plans permit.

Sincerely,

Patricia Quinn  
Chair, States for Passenger Rail Coalition, Inc.  
Director, Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

cc: States for Passenger Rail Coalition  
Elgeo Harris, Association of American Railroads

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