

Richard H. Anderson
President and Chief Executive Officer



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Dear Laura,

On behalf of everyone at Amtrak, thank you for letting Congress know of your support for emergency funding for passenger rail in the recently enacted COVID-19 Phase 3 relief bill, also known as the CARES Act.

Congress's aid to Amtrak reflects the many voices of support for passenger rail that Congress heard while drafting this bill. With your backing, Congress directed over \$1 billion for Amtrak and our state partners to mitigate the impacts of the current crisis on our employees and trains. I am proud of the safe, sustainable transportation we provide – and thanks to your support and this emergency funding, we will be able to continue to play this important role.

As vital as this funding is, I know that we could do so much more to help the country. Therefore, as Congress considers additional COVID-19 responses, I urge you to continue voicing your support for Amtrak and intercity passenger rail.

If Congress provided Amtrak with robust funding in a Phase 4 stimulus bill, we are confident we could move quickly on many critical projects, including:

- Replacing our aged rail cars with a new, larger, American-built fleet.
- Begin to replace or rehab key bridges and tunnels, some of which are more than a century old and integral to the national economy.
- Address ADA accessibility issues and advance major station development.
- Improve grade crossings, address our state-of-good-repair backlog, and advance various other infrastructure projects to enable a safer, more reliable network.

Investments in Amtrak foster good jobs here in America as well as safe, sustainable transportation options across the nation. Thank you again for the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission's and Council of State Governments' support of Amtrak in these critical times and I encourage you to continue to speak out for passenger rail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Anderson".

Richard Anderson

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