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Subject: STB PROPOSED CANGES IN AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL

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Message: 1. Withdraw the proposed policy about Preference: STB should not rewrite federal law as it has proposed, but rather the agency should adhere to federal law and ensure that railroads continue to grant preference to Amtrak passenger trains operating on their tracks.

2. Use STB's review powers that have been granted to the agency: When delays exist or where railroads have requested relief, undertake federally-directed reviews to analyze conditions on affected routes and recommend remedies.

3. Measure on-time performance at all stations: STB should not limit its review of on-time performance solely to originating and terminating times on routes. Such an action would mean that on-time preference would never be measured in more than 20 states serving scores of cities along the routes.