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To: Surface Transportation Board
From: Robert P. Lawrence
Re: Amtrak On-time Performance

Date: December 31, 2015

I make many AMTRAK trips every year using both regional and long distance trains.

My trips usually originate at the Everett or Seattle, WA Stations.

On time performance is very important to me and all other passengers using these services. It is also important to WA State DOT as it impacts the ridership of the state financed Cascades Train Service. Poor OTP reduces ridership as the public reacts to the lack of schedule adherence, by seeking other means of travel, Usually by using their own automobiles. This inhibits the DOT's effort to maximize revenues and reduce subsidies.

As far as long distance trains the main impact is the inability to make timely connections in cities such as Chicago with trains to the East Coast. This makes for costly hotel layover days. I think trains should be held to a ten minute schedule standard.

Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns,

Signed

Robert P Lawrence