



TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION

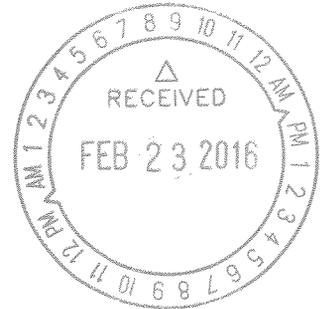
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Dear Ms. Brown:

Docket No. EP 728

The single biggest barrier to AMTRAK's popularity is its well-earned reputation for late arrivals. Last year the Supreme Court ruled in favor of AMTRAK on whether or not the railroads it leases tracks from can delay passenger trains when convenient to them. The Tri-County Bicycle Association, serving the greater Lansing, Michigan area, urges the Surface Transportation Board to implement reasonable rules defining on-time performance.

Next to automobiles, AMTRAK is the most convenient way for a cyclist to travel to and from his/her trip, and is much more efficient in terms of greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to the ordinary needs of travelers to plan their schedules, bicyclists need on time performance so they can know how much daylight is available for safe riding after arrival. Many of us travel in Europe and Japan, and know that on time performance is very attainable. Lack of it is puts AMTRAK in a very bad light and is detrimental to the railroad's goal of being a reliable mode of transportation.

Sincerely,


Pat Kelley
President TCBA