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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
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Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
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Dear Ms. Brown,

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT's) formal opposition to the American Railroad Association (AAR) Petition dated January 15, 2015 to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) requesting a Rulemaking to define the trigger to start an investigation of Amtrak intercity train service.

On-time performance of Amtrak trains is unacceptable and is a serious matter that requires immediate attention and should not be delayed by a formal rulemaking procedure. Rather, the STB is capable of defining the term "on-time performance" for itself as it is used in Section 213 to trigger an STB investigation of poor on-time performance. ODOT supports the STB's authority to move forward with the investigation and that the STB should exercise its authority now to investigate issues involving the Illini/Saluki service so that they can be resolved.

Sincerely,

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