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Comment Implementing Intercity Passenger Train On-Time Performance and Preference Provisions

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I want to express my deep commitment to improved passenger rail service in The United State. Riding Amtrak has been among the most pleasant experiences of my travel and commuter life. I ride the Capital Corridor frequently as a commuter. I have had the great pleasure of riding across America by train a number of times. I am a proud member of NARP, but write as an individual

I want to strongly urge you to not issue your policy statement redefining preference for Amtrak on their host railways. This definition has been upheld by the judiciary and reaffirmed by lawmakers. Please, do not change the rules to favor industry.

I am not a lobbyist. I am a part of the rail-riding public. I believe that the STB is favoring the industry with their proposed "rule change" and attempting a secretive end run to favor them.

The way this "rule change" has been done behind closed doors only affirms the belief of too many that our nation is an oligarchy and not a democracy. Please do not add to this cynicism: abandon this misbegotten "policy statement". Vote for the trains to run on time.

Sincerely
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