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Implementing Intercity Passenger Train On-Time Performance and Preference Provisions

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I would like to urge the STB to withdraw the proposed policy statement. I am a frequent Amtrak rider, usually to or from my home station of Austin, Texas. Congestion on highways and at airports in Central Texas is one driving factor in my preference for travel by train. On-time passenger train performance is very important to me, particularly if I am traveling on a brief trip (to maximize the time I can spend with friends or family at my destination, or to make it back in time for work) or on longer trips which require a connection, such as those routed through Chicago. The proposed rules allow for 30 minutes late at endpoints; a consistent 10 minutes late for all stops would be a better rule.

Thank you for your consideration.