

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Roger Harris
President
National Railroad Passenger Corporation
1 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Harris,

As Members of Congress representing communities served by the Northeast Corridor, we write in support of robust Acela and Northeast Regional train service to key points in the New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania region.

Our constituents rely on Amtrak services for regular commutes and other travel. Stations like Metropark (MET) and Trenton Transit Center (TRE) serve dense constituencies and economic drivers. These stations are the nearest direct access to the Northeast Corridor for communities in broad swathes of North, Central, and South New Jersey, as well as parts of Southeast Pennsylvania and Staten Island. Located in New Jersey's state capital, Trenton serves tens of thousands of yearly commuters and visitors to state government and surrounding areas, while Metropark provides direct access to the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike, and other major thoroughfares.

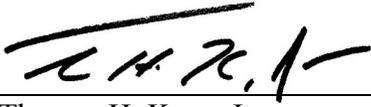
This year, our region will serve as host to both the 2026 FIFA World Cup Final and events related to the Nation's Semiquincentennial, attracting millions of visitors in what is anticipated to be a record year for tourism. Events commemorating America's historic revolutionary battles will draw visitors throughout New Jersey and the Northeast, while celebratory events surrounding the World Cup promise to bring substantial increases in ridership to points between matches in Philadelphia, PA and New York City, N.Y.

Unfortunately, since the September 2023 schedule update, Trenton has been entirely without Acela service, while Metropark has seen a decrease in daily stops by both Acela and Northeast Regional trains over the same timeframe.

We appreciate and welcome any efforts to improve reliability and service, especially in the wake of the cascading service disruptions seen in the summer of 2024. However, these changes should not come at the expense of service to these important population and economic hubs. Decreased service to Trenton and Metropark risks distancing the government, residential, and tourism hubs they serve from access to the Northeast Corridor, and the cancellation of Acela service to the historic city of Trenton leaves it as the only state capital on the Acela line without a dedicated stop.

As the rollout of the Next-Gen Acela trainsets continues and as these high-profile events approach, we request that you ensure Trenton and Metropark are adequately served in the face of this anticipated ridership growth, including by Acela trainsets. Thank you for your partnership in ensuring that communities in our region of the Northeast Corridor enjoy regular and reliable Amtrak service in 2026 and into the future.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Nicole Malliotakis
Member of Congress



Brian K. Fitzpatrick
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