



*A bold voice for transportation workers*

June 10, 2022

The Honorable Brian Schatz  
Chair  
Transportation, Housing and Urban  
Development, and Related Agencies  
Subcommittee  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable David Price  
Chair  
Transportation, Housing and Urban  
Development, and Related Agencies  
Subcommittee  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Ranking Member  
Transportation, Housing and Urban  
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Senate Appropriations Committee  
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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart  
Ranking Member  
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House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Schatz, Chair Price, Ranking Member Collins and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

On behalf of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), representing workers across nearly every position in the passenger rail network, I write to request that Congress fully fund Amtrak operations for FY2023, consistent with the FY2023 annual appropriations authorized under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This includes \$1.1 billion for the Northeast Corridor (NEC) and \$2.2 billion for the National Network (NN), a total of \$3.3 billion in grant funding.

With the passage of the IIJA, Congress committed to deliver world-class intercity passenger rail, and to support and preserve good jobs building, operating, and maintaining Amtrak's network. Now, it is time for Congress to fulfill that promise by providing full funding in accordance with IIJA's FY2023 authorization.

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Full funding will allow Amtrak to keep communities connected through the continued operation of long distance routes; provide quality service in the Northeast Corridor by supporting operations, maintenance, and routine capital investments; and sustain its national network through continued partnership with states to provide short-distance corridor service. Moreover, full funding will be crucial for Amtrak in navigating the uncertainties of the ongoing covid-19 pandemic.

I urge you to provide the full funding amount of \$3.3 billion for annual appropriations for Amtrak in FY2023 that is consistent with the amount of FY23 authorized level in IJA in your subcommittee's appropriations bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Regan', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Greg Regan  
President