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May 20, 2019

Mr. Richard Anderson
President, Amtrak
1 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Yuma County Board of Supervisors expresses its strong support for Amtrak's national network, including the long-distance and State-supported routes. Of particular concern to Yuma County are the Sunset Limited/Texas Eagle and Interstate Passenger Rail System.

Amtrak service provides essential connections to jobs, tourism, and rural communities in the Southwest that are critical to the Yuma Regional area that is represented by the Board of Supervisors.

Amtrak's recent appropriation clearly shows Congress's strong, bipartisan support for the network. In making this investment, Congress chose to ensure the continued strength of Amtrak's entire system, include the National Network's long-distance Sunset Limited/Texas Eagle route. These funds should be used to operate the existing system and to expand the system so that the Sunset Limited/Texas Eagle is a daily route, for growth in both revenue and ridership.

The entire national network is critically important to the Southwest region. Amtrak train service serves the residents of our communities and brings visitors to the Southwest and the Yuma area. We strongly support continued and expanded Amtrak service in the region.

Respectfully,


Marco A. "Tony" Reyes
Chairman

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