

April 15, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We are writing in strong support of Amtrak's national network, including the long-distance and state-supported routes. These routes serve small, midsize, and rural communities in our states and provide essential connections to jobs, tourism, and family that are critical to the people and places we represent. As you develop Amtrak's plan for the long-term viability to the company, we urge you to recognize the critical importance of the entire national network, which includes the long-distance and state-supported routes. Once again, we seek your firm commitment that Amtrak will abide by its statutory purpose – maintaining a truly national network for our rail system, and include Yuma as part of that network.

As someone who has spent a lot of time in the Eastern corridor of the United States, where rail plays such a huge role in moving many people for business and pleasure, I have come to appreciate the quality of service Amtrak provides. Yuma is a city on the rise, and its strategic location between San Diego and Phoenix, make it a logical regular stop for Amtrak. Given our frequent travels to the latter, and with limited choices for air travel, I have no doubt that many of my colleagues and I would opt for a more scenic journey by train.

Sincerely,

Lowell Perry Jr
YCNHA Director