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Congressman Pete Sessions
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Dear Representative Sessions,

I write in support of your amendment to H.R. 6003, the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008, which would discontinue subsidies for Amtrak's least profitable line.

Amtrak has long been a drain on taxpayer wallets, and has failed to become self-sufficient. Your amendment would eliminate funding for the Amtrak route which brings in the least profit.

Serving only a fraction of the traveling population with declining load factors, federal subsidies have allowed Amtrak to squander more than \$30 billion in taxpayer dollars since its inception in 1970, according to the Heritage Foundation.

Taxpayers deserve better than seeing their hard-earned dollars disappear in a bottomless pit. It is time to switch tracks, and get Amtrak on the one that leads to more fiscal sanity. Your amendment provides a first step in the right direction, and I urge fellow your fellow Members of Congress to support it.

Sincerely,

Grover Norquist
President,
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