

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 30, 2025

Roger Harris  
President, Amtrak  
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Washington, DC 20002

Dear President Harris,

As members of the New York and Connecticut congressional delegations, we are deeply concerned that the Penn Station Access project faces significant delays and urge Amtrak to take every action needed to ensure that Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Metro-North can begin delivering service as soon as possible.

The Penn Station Access project is a critical transportation project for the entire New York region. In the East Bronx, it will finally deliver mass transit access to neighborhoods that have seen passenger trains speed through without stopping for nearly a century. In Westchester and Connecticut, it will provide access to Penn Station and Manhattan's West Side, saving commuters significant time. We were thrilled when the MTA and Amtrak agreed to proceed with this project and have advocated for it every step of the way, including supporting the Fed-State Partnership grant that was awarded in 2024.

We know that delivering a construction project of this magnitude is complex, especially when it means rebuilding century-old Northeast Corridor infrastructure while maintaining intercity service, but progress has been too slow. We understand from the MTA's October 27 Board briefing that the project's schedule is at serious risk, mainly due to Amtrak's failure to support the project from the beginning, including failing to provide necessary outages, field support staff, and general cooperation with the MTA.

Amtrak must take decisive action to mitigate these delays and ensure that the project can accelerate its work and make up for lost time. The MTA has outlined a plan to get the project back on track and to enable service to begin by the end of 2027. We strongly support this plan and urge Amtrak to work together with the MTA to achieve it and deliver for our constituents.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to your response.

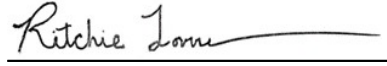
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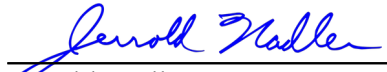
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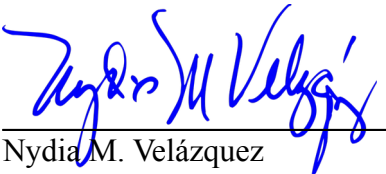
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