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Representative Conor Lamb
1224 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lamb:

The National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) would like to thank you for your efforts in achieving the inclusion of H.R. 6101, the “Ending Passenger Rail Forced Arbitration Act” in H.R. 2 the “Moving Forward Act”. NDRN applauds the inclusion of this legislation as it will protect the consumer and civil rights of Amtrak customers including customers with disabilities.

NDRN is the voluntary membership association for Protection and Advocacy (P&A) and Client Assistance Program (CAP) agencies. The P&A and CAP agencies are a nationwide network of congressionally mandated, cross disability organizations operating in every state in the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Virgin Islands). There is also a P&A and CAP affiliated with the Native American Consortium which includes the Hopi, Navajo, and San Juan Southern Paiute Nations located in the Four Corners region of the Southwest.

By including H.R. 6101 in H.R. 2, we are now one step closer to ensuring that consumers do not shed their constitutional rights and legally protected status when they enter an Amtrak car. NDRN and the P&A Network have long worked toward true accessibility in Amtrak. In that effort, we firmly believe individuals with disabilities should have the option to resolve their consumer and civil rights disputes with Amtrak through avenues that exclude mandatory arbitration. As H.R. 2 works its way through Congress, we look forward to working with you to preserve the inclusion of these provisions in any final infrastructure package.

Please contact Cyrus Huncharek, Public Policy Analyst, at cyrus.huncharek@ndrn.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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