



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Federal Railroad  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Curtis L. Decker  
Executive Director  
National Disability Rights Network  
820 First Street NE, Suite 740  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Decker:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) commending the U.S. Department of Transportation (the Department) on the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and encouraging the Department to remember the needs of persons with disabilities as it carries out the requirements under this new legislation.

The safe, reliable, and efficient movement of people and goods is a top priority for FRA. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will invest an unprecedented \$102 billion in rail, including \$66 billion from advanced appropriations—\$22 billion of which will go to Amtrak to improve their fleet and facilities, including bringing Amtrak-served stations into full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act—and \$36 billion in authorized funding over the next five years, which better positions FRA to ensure our rail network effectively serves the American people in a safer, more efficient, and climate-friendly way.

We will closely monitor Amtrak's efforts as it continues to make improvements to both equipment and stations. The infusion of funds through the IIJA will allow Amtrak to accelerate completion of accessibility upgrades to many stations that have needed attention for decades. Likewise, needed updates to existing equipment can be addressed earlier than would have been possible.

Thank you again for sharing your words of encouragement on behalf of NDRN. We appreciate the opportunity to respond to your suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amit Bose".

Amit Bose  
Administrator