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Mr. Alex Kummant
President & Chief Executive Officer
The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)
60 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Kummant:


As mayor of the City of Jacksonville, a city previously on Amtrak's Sunset Limited Route, I strongly encourage you to restore service between Jacksonville and New Orleans.

The original Sunset Limited Route served as the first true transcontinental train, operating through-service, coast to coast. However, as you know, service between New Orleans and Florida was suspended due to track and bridge damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. CSX Transportation repaired the line in record time and restored freight service, yet Amtrak has still not restored its original Sunset Limited Service.

Restoration of service along this crucial line will increase mobility for our citizens and decrease the likelihood of any adverse effects on area tourism.

I join other Florida mayors in asking Amtrak to restore service in consideration of significant transportation and revenue impacts on our city.

Sincerely,


John Peyton
Mayor

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