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November 22, 2022

Stephen J. Gardner  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Amtrak  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Gardner,

I write to you today urging Amtrak to publicly commit to a timeline for reopening full rail operations on the Adirondack line. The Adirondack line runs through the 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of New York and has been closed since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. To this point, Amtrak has failed to provide a specific date or details indicating when it will fully resume service along the Adirondack line.

The Adirondack line is a significant economic driver for Upstate New York and the North Country. The continued delays to resume service are causing significant harm to citizens throughout New York State and the North Country, many of whom rely on passenger rail service for critical transportation. Despite the continued closure of the Adirondack line, Amtrak's two other passenger rail service lines running between the U.S. and Canada, the Cascades and the Maple Leaf trains, both resumed full service earlier this year.<sup>1</sup>

Recent public reporting indicates that the Adirondack line will resume service in Spring 2023, but Amtrak has not released specific dates or a timeline to resume service. Amtrak continues to cite a number of reasons for the delays in service resumption and its refusal to commit to a timeline of when Adirondack line operations will fully resume impact communities throughout New York's 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.<sup>2</sup> Families throughout Upstate New York and the North Country seeking to utilize passenger rail services deserve certainty on when service will resume, especially before tourist season begins, not continued ambiguity from Amtrak.

<sup>1</sup>Carly Newton, Press-Republican, Adirondack Line Slated for Spring Return (Nov. 20, 2022).  
[https://www.pressrepublican.com/news/adirondack-line-slated-for-spring-return/article\\_50567d08-6791-11ed-9ab4-231043d4e690.html](https://www.pressrepublican.com/news/adirondack-line-slated-for-spring-return/article_50567d08-6791-11ed-9ab4-231043d4e690.html)

<sup>2</sup>Stephen Biddix, NBC5, Amtrak's Adirondack Train is Returning to Action in 2023 (Nov. 17, 2022).  
<https://www.mynbc5.com/article/amtraks-adirondack-train-returning-2023/41997829>

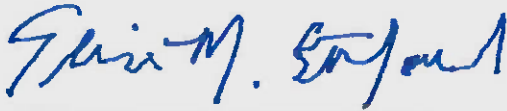
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I urge you to provide a detailed timeline outlining the plan to resume service on the Adirondack line between New York City and Montreal as quickly as possible, so that each community in Upstate New York and the North Country has the certainty they need regarding this critical transportation service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elise M. Stefanik". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Elise M. Stefanik  
Member of Congress