

April 9, 2019

Mr. Richard H. Anderson
President and Chief Executive Officer
Amtrak
60 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002-4285

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is an independent federal agency charged by Congress with investigating every civil aviation accident in the United States and significant accidents in other modes of transportation—railroad, highway, marine, and pipeline. We determine the probable cause of the accidents and issue safety recommendations aimed at preventing future accidents. In addition, we carry out special studies concerning transportation safety and coordinate the resources of the federal government and other organizations to assist victims and their family members affected by major transportation disasters.

We are providing the following information to urge your organization to act on the safety recommendation in this letter because we believe your organization can help reduce the risk of future accidents. For more information about NTSB and our recommendation process, please see the attached one-page summary.

On March 25, 2019, the NTSB adopted its report, *CSX Transportation Employee Fatality at Ivy City, Washington, DC, June 17, 2017*, NTSB/RAB-19/01. The details of this accident investigation and the resulting safety recommendation may be found in the attached report, which can also be accessed at <http://www.nts.gov>.

As a result of this investigation, the NTSB identified the following safety issue:

- Better communication could be used to protect employees who find it necessary to occupy another railroad's active tracks.

Accordingly, the NTSB makes the following safety recommendation to Amtrak. Additional information regarding this recommendation can be found in the noted section of the report.

- Prohibit employees from fouling adjacent tracks of another railroad unless the employees are provided protection from trains and/or equipment on the adjacent tracks by means of communication between the two railroads. (R-19-006) (See Safety Issue section)

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate a response within 90 days, detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement this recommendation. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number (for example, R-19-006). We encourage you to submit your response to correspondence@nts.gov. If your reply exceeds 20 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Sumwalt, III
Chairman



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Mr. Jim Foote
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Accordingly, the NTSB makes the following safety recommendation to CSX Transportation. Additional information regarding this recommendation can be found in the noted section of the report.

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