

David L. Gunn  
President and Chief Executive Officer



July 3, 2002

Honorable Thomas Menino  
Mayor of Boston  
President, The U.S. Conference of Mayors  
1620 I Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mayor Menino:

I want to let you know that I appreciate the strong level of support The U.S. Conference of Mayors provided Amtrak these last few weeks as we managed through our cash crisis. I also wanted you to know that I remain firmly committed to operating a national system and that I will oppose any and all efforts to break up the system. The actions of the mayors, combined with the recent hearings on Capitol Hill and the letters of support from both the House and the Senate, indicate to me that there is overwhelming public support for sustaining and improving our national passenger rail system.

As you know, late on Friday, June 28, we were able to finalize the details of our agreement with the Administration which will allow us to get a \$100 million direct loan. As part of the agreement, the Administration pledged their support in going forward to secure the remaining amount of the funding we need to get through FY02. While this problem is not solved, I do believe that we have made substantial progress and defined a path, which will reduce the likelihood of a further crisis.

I have enclosed the agreement we signed with the Administration, including the conditions, which underlie receipt of the direct loan. I know that many mayors contacted their Congressional Representatives in Washington and I want to thank you for your leadership in enabling this support. I look forward to building upon Amtrak's bridge with the nation's mayors and I pledge to keep working with The U.S. Conference of Mayors as we get through the rest of this fiscal year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Gunn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David L. Gunn  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Enclosure