



Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO

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Call today! The Amtrak bill is on the House floor Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Please call the U.S. Representative(s) listed on the next page.

Urge them to vote for the Amtrak bill.

Background Information

The U.S. House of Representatives is going to vote on the Amtrak bill Tuesday, Feb. 3. We need to round up moderate Republicans to help support this bill.

TWU and all the railroad unions support the Amtrak bill because it reasserts Amtrak's role as our national passenger rail carrier, provides stable funding to the passenger rail network, and avoids reckless privatization and anti-worker attacks. We remain concerned the bill does not provide the funding that Amtrak truly needs, but it is probably the best bill that we can get in the current Congress.

Because of the hard work of TWU, this bill protects the work of our members who work at Amtrak. We avoided misguided attempts to privatize work, shut down rail lines, and eliminate on-board food and beverage jobs. These hard fought victories can only be ensured if the House passes the Amtrak bill on Tuesday.

Chairman Shuster (R-PA) and Ranking Member DeFazio (D-OR) worked hard to craft this bipartisan legislation, which got unanimous support in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. TWU will oppose any amendments that would undermine this compromise. In particular we will strongly oppose any amendments to privatize all or parts of the Amtrak system, eliminate long distance routes, contract out important work, including food and beverage workers, or otherwise infringe on the rights or benefits of Amtrak workers.



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Call these U.S. Representatives

Rep. Paul Cook- 202-225-5861

Rep. David Valadao - 202-225-4695

Rep. Ken Calvert- 202-225-1986

Rep. Duncan D. Hunter- 202-225-5672

ALWAYS BE FRIENDLY AND POLITE.

Use This Phone Script When You Call

“Hi, my name is _____ and I’m a member of the Transport Workers Union, which represents freight rail and Amtrak workers.

“I’m calling to urge the congressman to support the bipartisan Amtrak bill when it goes to the House floor this week. The bill isn’t perfect but it provides stable funding to Amtrak and avoids reckless privatization and anti-worker measures.

“I hope the congressman will vote in favor of this bipartisan legislation that was unanimously reported out of committee and enjoys wide support in the transportation industry.

“Do you know how the congressman plans to vote on this bill?”

If response is YES say:	If response is DON’T KNOW say:	If response is NO say:
↓ “Thank you! I look forward to working with you as this legislation moves through Congress.	↓ “Please encourage the congressman to support the bipartisan bill.	↓ “I encourage the congressman to support the bipartisan Amtrak bill.

To end the call:

“Thanks for your time. Have a nice day.”

AFTER THE CALL

Please fill out the form below and return to TWU by INSERT DATE via fax, mail or email COPE@twu.org. All contact information is located in the header.

