



December 17, 2009

The Honorable Evelyn Lynn, District 7
The Honorable Tony Hill, District 1
The Honorable Dorothy Hukill, District 28
The Honorable Pat Patterson, District 26
The Honorable Dwayne Taylor, District 27
The Honorable John Thrasher, District 8

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Members of the Volusia County Congressional Delegation:

The Hotel & Lodging Association of Volusia County would like to express its strong support for the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast with a depot stop in Daytona Beach.

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Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Volusia County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the Hotel & Lodging Association resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network.

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Sincerely,

Bob Davis
President/CEO
Hotel & Lodging Association of Volusia County



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The Honorable Bill Nelson, United States Senate
The Honorable George Lemieux, United States Senate
The Honorable John Mica, United States House of Representatives, District 7
The Honorable Corrine Brown, United States House of Representatives, District 3
The Honorable Suzanne Kosmas, United States House of Representatives, District 24

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