SMART TD Local 1473 - Boston MA

Representing members at CSX (LCA 049B and LCA 049E) and Fore River Railroad (LCA 081T)

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Resolution in Support of SMART-TD Efforts to Protect Amtrak

1. Whereas Amtrak has come under threat of privatization in recent months following comments made by various current and former government officials and politicians; and

2. Whereas our national union has voiced its support for the continued public ownership of Amtrak in a March 13th website article; and

3. Whereas our members would be among those railroad workers whose retirement fund solvency would be threatened by a privatization-related slashing of the Amtrak workforce; and

4. Whereas our local in particular represents railroad workers whose jobs would be made more difficult, dangerous, or perhaps be jeopardized entirely by a significant decline in quality of maintenance, dispatching, etc on the Northeast Corridor; and

5. Be it Resolved, that SMART-TD Local 1473 fully supports our national union's statement in favor of the continued public ownership of Amtrak; and

6. Be it Further Resolved that we wish to encourage all other locals to pass similar resolutions in support of our leadership's position, and to find ways to organize in defense of public ownership of Amtrak; and

7. Be it Finally Resolved that we wish to emphasize the following points from the March 13th statement:

a. “privatizing Amtrak is not just bad policy, it’s a direct threat to our Amtrak members, the American people, and communities that depend on this vital service”

b. “A private company is obliged to raise prices on popular routes while abandoning the unprofitable ones. This means higher prices for urban areas while parts of the country with low ridership are left stranded.”

c. “privatizing Amtrak would only serve to prioritize profit over public service…Profit-driven companies are unable and unwilling to guarantee reliability and affordability to rural and less profitable sections of our country.”

d. “If Amtrak’s new goal is to increase profitability in a low-margin market, its first move will be to cut costs. This is the fastest way to boost its bottom line. The easiest target? Eliminating staff, who are already stretched thin.”

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