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August 3, 2006

Mr. David Laney, Chairman  
Amtrak  
60 Massachusetts Avenue  
Washington DC 20002

Dear Mr. Laney:

For many years Amtrak's Sunset Limited linked Palatka with New Orleans, Louisiana and the west coast of America. When Hurricane Katrina destroyed the tracks along the Gulf Coast, this valuable service was interrupted. It was our expectation, hope and prayer that once CSX had completed repairs of its rail facilities and infrastructure, this valuable service would be restored. *To date, this passenger service has not been restored.*

The City of Palatka joins the Florida Coalition of Rail Passengers in their effort towards restoration of the Sunset Limited's passenger service to its pre-Katrina service, linking Palatka to the Florida Panhandle and points west. This service is sorely missed by the train-traveling public and needs to be restored as soon as possible.

I thank you for your consideration, and hope to see the Sunset Limited once again proudly stopping in Palatka to carry passengers to the west coast.

Sincerely,

PALATKA CITY COMMISSION

Karl N. Flagg  
Mayor

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Cc: Howard Blasczyk, President  
Palatka Railroad Preservation Society