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Subject: VOTE NO ON THE BOOZEMAN AMENDMENT/AMTRAK

TO: ALL NATIONAL OFFICERS, AREA DIRECTORS, ASSISTANT AREA DIRECTORS,
NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, UNIT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

The House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee will "mark up" vote on H.R. 2701, the Transportation Energy Security and Climate Change Mitigation Act of 2007 (Climate Change Bill) on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 1100 A.M. Representative John Boozman,, (R-AR) will be offering an amendment that would suspend Amtrak's right of access to the tracks of the freight railroads, thereby threatening the very existence of U.S. intercity passenger rail.

We need our members to contact your Representative and if they are member of the Committee, urge them to vote against the Boozman amendment. The message to your Representative needs to be to vote against the Boozman amendment to HR 2701. Removing Amtrak's right of access to freight railroads will eliminate all Amtrak trains outside of the Northeast Corridor--both short and long distance. Elimination of the trains will be bad--not good for the environment. Please do not call your senators at this time.

NARVRE prefers telephone calls and not emails because of the time constraints. You may use the NARVRE toll free numbers at the following:

1-877-668-3864 or 1-877-668-3866

The numbers listed above are the Capitol Hill operator and they will guide you to your Representative.

A full list of Members of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee can be found on the NARVRE web site by going to www.narvre.com clicking on Congressional Web Page and than click on Congressional Committees. Cursor down until you locate the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. You than can check to see if your Member of Congress serves on the T&I Committee. Remember, we need telephone calls and not emails. Thank you for your assistance!

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