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March 27, 2020

The Honorable Anna Eshoo
United States House of Representatives
202 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

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Sincerely,

Jim Hartnett
Executive Director/General Manager/Chief Executive Officer
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The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
United States House of Representatives
212 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
1236 Longworth Hall of Business
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

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[Handwritten note: Thank you so much. So desperate needed. We can not thank you enough. Best, [Signature] ]
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The Honorable Kamala Harris
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Harris:

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The Honorable Jackie Speier  
United States House of Representatives  
2465 Rayburn Hall of Business  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ro Khanna
United States House of Representatives
221 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
United States House of Representatives
1401 Longworth House Office Building
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I hope you and your family are well. Best,

Jim
What are we doing to ensure the public and operating crews as safe and risk in minimized during this pandemic?

Ryan K. Snow, State Chairman
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Why are locomotives not being cleaned thoroughly each and every day?

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Why have some cab bar restrooms been sent out with 5 gallon water bottles no soap towels or sanitizer?
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When are trains going to be equipped with sanitizer for crews and passengers?

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Will crews be given Gloves and masks in the future to minimize their exposure?

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How often will rolling stock be sanitized and cleaned?

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Locomotive Engineers and other crews that work directly with the public need to be trained, allowed to take time off when they are sick, be provided Personal Protective Equipment. All Equipment should be sanitized and then cleaned every day. Restrooms on cars should be serviced every day and more often if needed at crew request.

Public Safety and Crewmembers risk reduction should be part of the primary mission! Please during this time of need of urgency have your management team in Train Operations step up their efforts to provide the public and crews safe and minimize the risk of this Pandemic.

The fall out of delays will be haunting me and should be haunting the members of the board for ever. Lives are hanging in the balance. We all should be able to utilize this service and provide service without excess risk of life of our own or those we love.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Once we pass this bridge in history I look forward to attending a board meeting in person by taking the Capitol Corridor and then riding on another Caltrain train set from Sacramento.

Warmest Personal Regards,
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