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# Warrensburg Convention and Visitors Bureau

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April 16, 2021

Honorable Denny Hoskins  
201 West Capitol Avenue  
Room 417  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: Amtrak Funding in HB 4, Section 4.530

Dear Senator Hoskins,

The Amtrak service across our state is vitally important to the citizens and visitors of Missouri.

The Warrensburg Convention and Visitors Bureau is asking for your support in amending Missouri House Bill 4 to restore a HB4, to increase the Amtrak budget by \$2.8 million, which will re-establish two trains per day.

Additionally, we ask that you support revising the language in Section 4.530 of HB4 to “for passenger rail service in Missouri.” The change would allow for additional trains per day and does not commit the legislature to future funding.

The Amtrak service is important to Warrensburg/Johnson County tourism, and our fellow tourism destinations along the Amtrak route. With the Rock Island Spur trailheads in Medford, Chilhowee and Leeton, increasing Amtrak services will directly impact our area by allowing bicyclists flexibility in their travel plans. Amtrak is not only economically beneficial to the cities with stations, but it is also beneficial to all the towns and cities along the trails.

We encourage you to support the increase in funding and the language change.

Sincerely,

Marcy Barnhart, Tourism Director  
Warrensburg Convention and Visitors Bureau