

# BMWED LEGISLATIVE ALERT



## AMTRAK GRASSROOTS LOBBYING TOOLS

The following items are now posted on the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD) website for your use in an Amtrak grassroots lobbying effort:

1. The yea/nay votes on the Byrd amendment to the Senate budget bill reinstating \$1.4 billion for Amtrak.
2. A letter to Senators voting right on the Byrd amendment thanking them for their vote.
3. A letter to Senators voting wrong on the Byrd amendment asking them to reconsider their position on Amtrak.
4. A call to action flyer aimed at rail labor membership urging them and their families to call their Member of Congress to ask them to support full funding of Amtrak.
5. A flyer aimed at Amtrak riders and small businesses surrounding Amtrak stations detailing the economic impact of Amtrak service being cut in their state.

All of these materials can be found on TTD's website, [www.ttd.org](http://www.ttd.org), through the large button on the left side of the home page titled *Fight to Save Amtrak*.

For the Byrd amendment letters, once into the site, a union member would simply have to insert the zip code where he or she lives and the system will automatically personalize the appropriate letter to both of the Senators in that state.

Both of the flyers are generic versions. In the case of the call to action flyer, the user would have to fill in the state and Member's office contact information in a few spots on the flyer. In the case of the flyer aimed at riders, the user would have to fill in economic information by state available on the Amtrak website, the state and the names of the Senators, and Governor of each state.

Should you have any questions on the materials or the use of the website, please feel free to contact TTD at 202/628-9262 or the BMWED Washington Office. Good luck with your mobilization efforts on this critical issue action.

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