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# ***ESPA APPLAUDS AMTRAK FOR RESTORING FOOD SERVICE***

## ***ESPA Supports AMTRAK's "Pilot" Program With Subway Restaurants To Provide Food Service On Select Trains Operating Between Albany and New York City***

ESPA President Bruce Becker is pleased that AMTRAK officials have negotiated an agreement with the Subway restaurant chain to offer on-board food service on certain trains operating between Albany/Rensselaer and New York City. "This past July, we at ESPA were very disappointed that AMTRAK chose to eliminate its food service on all trains operating solely between Albany/Rensselaer and New York City. At that time, we strongly urged AMTRAK to reconsider its decision, and to investigate other alternatives or options. The recent announcement from AMTRAK demonstrates that ESPA's previous message was heard and that AMTRAK officials are willing to employ creative solutions in providing services. This partnership with Subway, when fully implemented, will benefit all riders. We applaud AMTRAK for entering into this four-month "pilot" program with Subway, and we wish for its continued success," concluded Mr. Becker.

The Empire State Passengers Association (ESPA), which is comprised of over 1,400 members located throughout New York State, is a "grass-roots" advocacy organization dedicated to improving passenger rail service, supporting seamless interconnectivity between public transportation modes, and promoting governmental policies that encourage balanced transportation systems.