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ESPA Applauds The Recommendations of the Senate High Speed Rail Task Force

Incremental Improvements Key To Enhanced Reliability And Better Service

ESPA praised Senator Joe Bruno's announcement today of the findings of the New York State Senate Task Force on High Speed Rail Study Group.

Bruce Becker, the President of ESPA stated "We are very pleased by the findings of the study, which include many of the goals our organization has been promoting for years. We thank Senator Bruno for his leadership in commissioning the study and applaud his commitment to improving the state's passenger rail system."

Mr. Becker continued "ESPA is particularly pleased that the study recommendations emphasis an incremental improvement approach as the preferred way of achieving enhanced reliability and service in the near-term. We support the study's findings that the State needs to take an active role in the setting of service levels and performance standards. We believe that when coupled with higher state investment, these and the other recommended initiatives would lead to vastly improved rail service for the citizens of New York"

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.