

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION:
QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD**

**NOMINATIONS HEARING
AUGUST 6, 2020**

**Written Questions Submitted to Chris Koos, Nominee to be a Director of the Amtrak
Board of Directors**

Submitted by Chairman Wicker

Question 1: I have long championed restoration of passenger rail for the Gulf Coast, which lost service after Hurricane Katrina. Do you commit to working with me to implement Amtrak service from New Orleans to Mobile as soon as possible?

Response: *If confirmed, I would commit to working with you on the restoration of passenger rail service along the Gulf Coast. As the mayor of a small town served by Amtrak, I recognize the importance of returning service and jobs to cities across Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida such as Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, Biloxi, Pascagoula, Mobile, and Tallahassee.*

Question 2: In response to COVID-19, Amtrak is reducing frequencies on many long-distance routes from once-daily service to three times per week. If confirmed, do you commit to reinstating once-daily service on these long-distance routes? If so, do you commit to doing so as quickly as possible?

Response: *If confirmed, I would commit to quickly restoring once-daily service for all long-distance routes affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe the nation cannot have a fully functioning network that only operates 3 days a week. We must restore certainty for both employees and customers through continued daily service.*