

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

**NOMINATIONS HEARING
AUGUST 6, 2020**

**Written Questions Submitted to Sarah Feinberg, 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: *I do. I have also long championed restoration of this service. I look forward to working with you, your colleagues, state and local officials in the impacted states, and other parties to do all I can to assist in returning service to this area. I recognize how important restoration of Gulf Coast service is to the region and to Amtrak, as a model of growth and service to our communities. I also recognize how much work has already been committed to its return and pledge to give my full support to those efforts, if confirmed.*

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: *I commit to reinstating service as quickly as possible as ridership and revenue returns. The pandemic placed an unexpected burden upon the entire transportation industry. Amtrak is not alone among companies faced with tough decisions. I will work hard with Amtrak, if confirmed, to bring the company back to pre-pandemic levels of success and service, and beyond, as quickly as possible.*