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Richard Anderson, President and CEO
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Re: William H Gray, III Memorial at Philadelphia 30th Street Station

Dear Mr. Anderson:

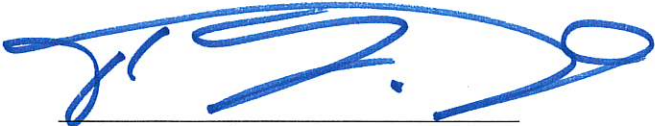
We write today concerning the renaming of Amtrak's Philadelphia 30th Street Station in honor of former Congressman William H. Gray, III. It is our understanding that Amtrak is working toward a formal agreement for the comprehensive renaming, as articulated in the 2014 law signed by then-President Barack Obama. We were heartened to hear recently that with your arrival at Amtrak, the renaming was approved to move forward. We do, however, want to ensure that this memorial is appropriately prioritized, particularly given that it has been delayed for a period of years. We respectfully request an update on the status of the renaming.

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) proudly supported the underlying legislation memorializing the Philadelphia Station for Congressman Gray because his leadership in our Caucus and in the United States Congress exemplifies our collective mission to ensure equal rights, opportunity, and justice for all people. Indeed, it was Congressman Gray's insistence on an inclusive America, accessible to all, which led him to fight against drastic budget cuts to Amtrak. In Amtrak's darkest days, Congressman Gray, as Chair of the House Budget Committee, stepped in and helped save passenger rail service in America. Specific to Philadelphia, Congressman Gray also secured key funding for the restoration of 30th Street Station.

We look forward to hearing that the details of the renaming are moving forward in earnest, and to celebrating this most fitting memorial of our own Bill Gray. It is our hope that we will be able to join you and all those who will make William H. Gray, III 30th Street Station a reality in the very near future.

Please contact Fabrice Coles (fabrice.coles@mail.house.gov) with the CBC or Kimberly Turner-Dixon (kimberly.turner@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Evans regarding any follow up questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress