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**Key Senators Introduce New Amtrak Proposal**

Earlier today, Senators Stevens, Inouye, Lott and Lautenberg introduced a new bill to reauthorize Amtrak and the federal passenger train program.

“This is a very exciting development,” said Rick Harnish, Executive Director of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association. “This bill takes the best components of other proposals and strengthens them”

“This bill will create a new policy framework,” added Harnish. “It will create a matching program for state capital programs, and creates stronger tools to enforce service standards.”

“What sets this bill apart is the focus on fixing problems through improvements, rather than through cuts,” said Harnish. “This bill will create a structure for improving and growing train service throughout the country.”

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The Midwest High Speed Rail Association is a member-supported non-profit educational organization promoting the development of fast, frequent and dependable train service connecting the entire Midwest. Our members include business leaders, mayors and individuals that want the option of traveling by train.