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Dear Mr. Anderson –

In recent days, several news reports concerning the retirement of the automated flipboard at 30th Street Station in Philadelphia have gained broad public interest. It is our understanding that Congressman Brendan Boyle has spoken with you directly concerning this matter, and that Amtrak is willing to discuss options to preserve the existing flipboard or replace it with a similar unit.

As members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Transportation Committee, we wholeheartedly lend our support to Congressman Boyle's efforts to retain the existing flipboard. We recognize that in the grand scheme of life this is a small matter, but we also recognize the flipboard has become a meaningful part of the transit experience for thousands of daily commuters travelling to and from Philadelphia.

With this in mind, on behalf of the residents of Southeastern Pennsylvania, we ask you as President and CEO of Amtrak to do everything possible to renovate or repair the existing flipboard, or replace it with a substantially similar unit that preserves the essence of the current unit. If fully electronic information boards must be introduced, perhaps they can be added in addition to the existing or renovated flipboard.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter, and thank you for your continued service to the people of the United States of America.

Kind Regards,

Handwritten signature of John Lawrence in blue ink.

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