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AT MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS”
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Good afternoon Chairman Smith, Congresswoman Bass and other distinguished members of the Committee. Thank you very much for the invitation to testify today. Like you, we at Amtrak are deeply concerned about the problem of human trafficking, and I am honored to appear today on behalf of Mr. Boardman, our President and CEO, and the men and women of Amtrak and our police department.

We are a police force of more than 500 sworn and civilian personnel, stationed at more than 30 locations in 46 states, tasked with ensuring the safety and security of Amtrak's passengers, 20,000+ employees and substantial infrastructure. Amtrak's police have always taken their responsibility to ensure every passenger has a safe and secure trip very seriously, and our commitment is supported by partnerships at the state, local and federal levels. Our work with the Department of Homeland Security is multi-faceted, ranging from collaboration with their TSA Federal air marshals deployed as "VIPR Teams" at stations across the country to this initiative on Human Trafficking.

Our participation in the initiative to prevent Human Trafficking began on April 5, 2012, when DHS and the Department of Transportation formally requested a partnership with Amtrak that involved training and employee awareness about human trafficking.

In response to this request, all APD officers, and Train Service, Onboard Service, and Station managers and their frontline employees were given training.

Amtrak officers were provided with roll call training that involved the DHS training video and briefing materials developed by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) on human trafficking. To train the larger workforce, we utilized the DHS Human

Trafficking General Awareness computer-based training program distributed via the Amtrak Intranet. We felt it was important for our frontline managers to take this training so they could brief and provide information to their employees who work directly with our passengers. Printed training materials were also distributed and discussed with front line employees during job briefings and safety meetings.

Following this initial phase of employee training, the computer-based training program and training materials were delivered to all remaining employees through a company-wide employee communication managed by Amtrak's Corporate Communications.

We also participated in the Blue Campaign and DHS Council on Combating Violence Against Women Stakeholder Event held at the DHS Office For Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in Washington, D.C in August, 2013, and we continue to partner with DHS on the following:

- Amtrak Police is working with Office of the Secretary U.S. Department of Homeland Security staff to develop a second round of Human Trafficking training material for Amtrak employees.
- Amtrak Police is working with the Office of the Secretary U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary of Transportation staff to develop co-branded posters that meet the requirements of the various state-level Human Trafficking campaigns.
- Amtrak will soon display the DHS 30 second human trafficking videos on the television screens in our stations.
- In addition to these efforts, we have also been working with the US Border Patrol and beginning next week there will be a 7 minute security video airing at the stations pertaining to cross-border travel into Canada. The video will include a segment on human trafficking.

Finally, we are also an active partner with the FBI's LEO (Law Enforcement Online) network and have recently posted an intelligence briefing specific to human trafficking concerns related to Super Bowl XLVIII (48).

I want to close by reiterating our commitment to helping DHS and the law enforcement community to address this serious problem. While Amtrak is a transportation provider, the Amtrak Police Department is committed to working with our transportation community to prevent trafficking at a vulnerable point – when the victims are in transit. With a strong force of well-trained law enforcement professionals who thoroughly understand our operations, we are working to ensure that our response is effective and adapts to both changing criminal tactics and identified law enforcement best practices.

I assure you that our President and CEO, Mr. Boardman, strongly supports our participation in these initiatives, as do I, as a part of the Amtrak mission of delivering every passenger, safe and secure.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify today. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.