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Today, at my direction, State Transportation Commissioner John Haley Jr., met with Amtrak management and labor in a effort to keep commuter rail service operating in our state.

While I am grateful that management and labor were willing to sit down to discuss the continuation of commuter rail service in light of an Amtrak job action, I am extremely disappointed that they failed to come up with a solution that protects New Jersey commuters and New Jerseyans from a strike targeted at intercity rail service.

The economic vitality of our region and the quality of life for our residents should not be held hostage to a national railroad problem. New Jersey should not be at the mercy of a national railroad.

I once again call upon Congress and the President of the United States to either avoid a strike or at the very least ensure that New Jersey is not unfairly impacted by a strike that is beyond our control. As Commissioner Haley stated to both parties today, New Jersey is willing and able to keep the Northeast Corridor operational for commuter and freight operations.

I implore both labor and Amtrak to find a way to continue commuter rail operations. Should a resolution not be achieved, I urge Congress and the President to intervene to ensure essential commuter rail operations.

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