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## AMTRAK AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS SIGN TENTATIVE AGREEMENT, AVERTING A STRIKE Pact requires rank-and-file ratification

WASHINGTON -- Amtrak and representatives of nine labor organizations that were legally free to strike January 30, 2008, today signed a tentative agreement that keeps the national passenger railroad and numerous commuter railroads that are dependent on Amtrak and its facilities in full operation. The National Mediation Board had released the parties from mediation on November 1, 2007, and a Presidential Emergency Board handed down recommended settlement terms December 30.

Details of the tentative pact will be sent to the affected union members for their ratification vote during the next several weeks and will be withheld from public release until the ratification process has begun.

Amtrak President and CEO Alex Kummant said, "Investing in the railroad comes in many forms, and one of the best ways is to invest in its people, which we've done with this tentative agreement. I want to thank the leadership of the labor organizations. It has not been easy for any of us, and I know they share our sense of relief and resolve to move forward in a productive and cooperative spirit to provide excellent passenger rail service. The Amtrak Board of Directors, management and labor are now united in that single purpose. By reaching these tentative agreements, we have averted a possible strike that could have had a crippling effect on the lives of millions of Americans."

The labor organizations that signed the tentative agreements today are as follows:

- 1) Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes
- 2) International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- 3) International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers
- 4) Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen
- 5) Joint Council of Carmen, Helpers, Coach Cleaners and Apprentices
- 6) American Train Dispatchers Association
- 7) National Conference of Firemen & Oilers/Service Employees International Union
- 8) American Railway & Airline Supervisors Association (Maintenance of Equipment; Maintenance of Way)