

To: US Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta-

Let's face it Amtrak is a loser, the faster you put it up for bids from the private sector the better off our government will be. A good place to start is in the Northeast Corridor

Amtrak has been around for 31 years and has accumulated \$4 billion of debt, and they are asking for an extra \$1.2 billion from taxpayers in the next federal budget to keep the trains running.

It would be far better to let Amtrak die and let private companies run it, they certainly could not do worse than now.

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