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**FOIA Request**  
**Fee benefit requested**  
**Fee waiver requested**

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

According to a report by the Reno Gazette-Journal, “Greyhound ... says it is ... entering an Interline partnership with Amtrak that will allow its customers to use tickets booked through Greyhound on the train service.” (Jason Hidalgo, “Greyhound canceling Reno bus service to 5 rural NV areas, Salt Lake City”, February 13, 2108, <<https://eu.rgj.com/story/money/business/2018/02/13/greyhound-canceling-reno-bus-service-5-rural-nv-areas-salt-lake-city/331620002/>>).

I request access to and copies of:

- (1) Any interline agreement or other contract between Amtrak and Greyhound pertaining to transportation by Amtrak of passengers holding tickets issued by Greyhound, on any or all Amtrak routes;
- (2) Any Amtrak policies, procedures, terms, conditions, training materials, or instructions to staff, contractors, oer ticket sales agents pertaining to the transportation by Amtrak of passengers holding tickets issued by Greyhound, including any disclosures to be made to such passengers;

- (3) Any policies, procedures, or communications within Amtrak, between Amtrak and Greyhound, or between Amtrak and other agencies concerning the applicability of Amtrak terms and conditions, including requirements for government-issued or other evidence of identity, to passengers traveling on tickets issued by Greyhound;
- (4) Any policies, procedures, or communications within Amtrak, between Amtrak and Greyhound, or between Amtrak and other agencies concerning transfers to Amtrak of data pertaining to interline passengers ticketed by Greyhound or the use, sharing, or transfers to third parties of such data;
- (5) Any records pertaining to the legal basis for applying Amtrak conditions of carriage to interline passengers traveling on tickets issued by Greyhound or for use, sharing, or transfer of data pertaining to such passengers;
- (6) Any electronic file in which any of the above records are included.
- (7) All metadata pertaining to any such file, including but not limited to the filename including any extension; the filesize in bytes, KB, MB, or GB; the name of the workstations, server, other device, or virtual server, or the label on the archival or backup media, in which the file was found; the path to the file on that device or in that filesystem; the creation, modification, and/or any other date(s) for the file, as stored in the filesystem in which it is found; and the owner and all permissions (creation, access, and modification) for the file in the filesystem in which it is found.

I request that all responsive records be provided in text-searchable electronic form.

With respect to any records held in electronic form, I request that they be provided in the original electronic form in which they are held, as complete bitwise digital copies of the original e-mail archive files, word processing files, or other electronic files, including any file headers, embedded metadata, and all other file content.

With respect to any e-mail messages included in the responsive records, I specifically request access to and copies of the raw "message source" files including all headers and attachments, fully expanded e-mail addresses, full addresses for address "aliases", full lists for "distribution list" aliases, and all related metadata.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on Amtrak policies and procedures that is of current interest to the public as part of widespread public interest in ID requirements for travel by common carrier. This information is being sought on behalf of The Identity Project (“IDP”). IDP is a program of the First Amendment Project, a nonprofit organization providing legal and educational resources dedicated to protecting and promoting First Amendment rights.

This information will be made available to the public. The principal activity of IDP is publication of the informational and educational Web site at <<http://www.papersPlease.org>>, where we have published documents obtained in response to our previous FOIA requests and reports on Amtrak policies and practices.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. The records we are requesting clearly relate to government operations and activities. It is in the public interest for the public to know what terms, and conditions apply to Amtrak travel, including interline travel on Greyhound tickets.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees. Please respond as soon as possible to confirm your receipt of this request. I look forward to your complete reply within 20 business days, as the FOIA statute requires.

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