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**RE: Docket FRA-2013-0060**

Dear Docket Clerk:

On behalf of the more than 1,500 member organizations of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), I write to request an extension of the comment period for the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) request for comments on its Passenger Equipment Safety Standards; Standards for Alternative Compliance and High-Speed Trainsets, published on December 6, 2016 at 81 FR 88006. Comments on the NPRM are due on February 6, 2017.

**About APTA**

APTA is a non-profit international trade association of more than 1,500 public and private member organizations, including public transit systems; high-speed intercity passenger rail agencies; planning, design, construction and finance firms; product and service providers; academic institutions; and state associations and departments of transportation.

**General Comments**

This NPRM reflects a significant amount of work and discussions over the last several years. APTA, our members and affiliates, through the Engineering Task Force (ETF), have enjoyed working with the FRA throughout its preparation. In order to provide a thorough review of this extensive NPRM, consolidate the comments from our Members and Industry Members of the EFT, and to review it in relation to our recent meetings; APTA respectfully requests a 30-day extension for the submission of comments.

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We appreciate the opportunity to assist FRA in this important endeavor. For additional information, please contact Daniel Duff, APTA's chief counsel, at (202) 496-4808 or [dduff@apta.com](mailto:dduff@apta.com).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" being the most prominent.

Richard A. White  
Acting President & CEO

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