

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
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At the end of title II, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 9217. AMTRAK OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 243 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the
4 following new section:

5 “§ 24324. Amtrak Office of Community Outreach

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
7 the date of enactment of the INVEST in America Act,
8 Amtrak shall establish an Office of Community Outreach
9 to engage with communities impacted by Amtrak oper-
10 ations.

11 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Office of Community
12 Outreach shall be responsible for—

13 “(1) outreach and engagement with—

14 “(A) local officials before capital improve-
15 ment project plans are finalized; and

16 “(B) local stakeholders and relevant orga-
17 nizations on projects of community significance;

1 “(2) clear explanation and publication of how
2 community members can communicate with Amtrak;

3 “(3) the use of virtual public involvement, social
4 media, and other web-based tools to encourage pub-
5 lic participation and solicit public feedback; and

6 “(4) making publicly available on the website of
7 Amtrak, planning documents for proposed and im-
8 plemented capital improvement projects.

9 “(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
10 after the establishment of the Office of Community Out-
11 reach, and annually thereafter, Amtrak shall submit to the
12 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in the
13 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
14 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
15 that—

16 “(1) describes the community outreach efforts
17 undertaken by the Amtrak Office of Community
18 Outreach for the previous year; and

19 “(2) identifies changes Amtrak made to capital
20 improvement project plans after engagement with af-
21 fected communities.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
23 ter 243 of title 49, United States Code, is further amend-
24 ed by adding at the end the following:

“24324. Amtrak Office of Community Outreach.”.

