

## Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Convention and Visitors Bureau

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The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 508 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

## Dear Governor:

The Johnstown-Cambria County Visitors Bureau strongly supports an increase in passenger-rail service on Amtrak's Pennsylvanian service between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. The Johnstown train station receives only one eastbound train from Pittsburgh and one westbound train from New York City per day, and this very limited amount of service deters many people from visiting Johnstown and the surrounding area.

Many Americans, especially younger people and senior citizens, as well as international travelers are recognizing rail service as a highly preferred way to travel and commute because it is stress-free and relaxing. But with only one train daily, arriving at a less-than-optimal time, passenger rail service through Western Pennsylvania is nowhere close to reaching its potential. Even for people traveling from New York to Pittsburgh, the limited service through Western Pennsylvania is hurting our economy throughout Western Pennsylvania.

The Johnstown-Cambria County Visitors Bureau wholeheartedly endorses the effort to increase passenger-rail service to three eastbound and three westbound departures per day as a way to open our area to many more visitors from Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Washington, DC, and far beyond.

Sincerely,

Lisa Rager, Executive Director

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