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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To require the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a post-accident assessment of the May 12, 2015 Amtrak train crash in Philadelphia.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S.** \_\_\_\_\_

To reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, streamline rail project delivery, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. PETERS

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . POST-ACCIDENT ASSESSMENT.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Transportation,  
4 in cooperation with the National Transportation Safety  
5 Board and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation  
6 (referred to in this section as “Amtrak”), shall conduct  
7 a post-accident assessment of the Amtrak Northeast Re-  
8 gional Train #188 crash on May 12, 2015.

9 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The assessment conducted pursu-  
10 ant to subsection (a) shall include—

1           (1) a review of Amtrak's compliance with the  
2           plan for addressing the needs of the families of pas-  
3           sengers involved in any rail passenger accident,  
4           which was submitted pursuant to section 24316 of  
5           title 49, United States Code;

6           (2) a review of Amtrak's compliance with the  
7           emergency preparedness plan required under section  
8           239.101(a) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations;

9           (3) a determination of any additional action  
10          items that should be included in the plans referred  
11          to in paragraphs (1) and (2) to meet the needs of  
12          the passengers involved in the crash and their fami-  
13          lies, including—

14                 (A) notification of emergency contacts;

15                 (B) dedicated and trained staff to manage  
16                 family assistance;

17                 (C) the establishment of a family assist-  
18                 ance center at the accident locale or other ap-  
19                 propriate location;

20                 (D) a system for identifying and recovering  
21                 items belonging to passengers that were lost in  
22                 the crash; and

23                 (E) the establishment of a single customer  
24                 service entity within Amtrak to coordinate the

1           response to the needs of the passengers involved  
2           in the crash and their families;

3           (4) recommendations for any additional train-  
4           ing needed by Amtrak staff to better implement the  
5           plans referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2), includ-  
6           ing the establishment of a regular schedule for train-  
7           ing drills and exercises.

8           (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year  
9           after the date of the enactment of this Act, Amtrak shall  
10          submit a report to the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
11          and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on  
12          Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
13          resentatives that describes—

14                 (1) its plan to achieve the recommendations re-  
15                 ferred to in subsection (b)(4); and

16                 (2) steps that have been taken to address any  
17                 deficiencies identified through the assessment.