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| **Positive Train Control Amendment May Be Offered In House Committee on Appropriations Mark-Up This Wednesday**  The U.S. House Committee on Appropriations is slated to consider the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2014 this Wednesday, June 26, 2013. It appears that an amendment may be offered that would extend the current deadline for implementing Positive Train Control (currently set at 2015 by the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008) and permit alternative technologies in lieu of Positive Train Control. Both goals of this potential amendment are contrary to our Board-approved Legislative Program. We are communicating our concerns regarding any potential Positive Train Control amendment to both members of the House Committee on Appropriations from Los Angeles County, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-40) and Congressman Adam Schiff (D-28), and working with other transportation stakeholders who share our view. Our agency strongly supports the rail safety standards embedded in the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 and has raised strong concerns about efforts to advance federal policies that would undermine or weaken the interoperability and safety standards established by Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008. |
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