

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1975

The President
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider an amendment to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$22,100,000 for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,



Enclosure



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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I have the honor to submit for your consideration an amendment to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$22,100,000 for the Interstate Commerce Commission. The details of the proposal are as follows:

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1976 Budget Request	1976 Proposed Amendment	1976 Revised Request
904	Salaries and expenses	\$49,970,000	\$500,000	\$50,470,000
905	<u>Payments for directed rail service</u>	-0-	\$21,600,000	\$21,600,000

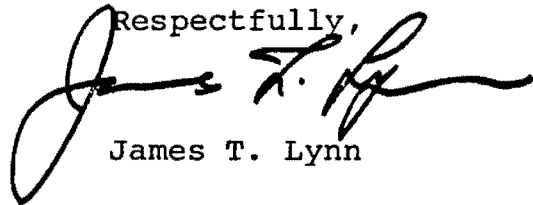
(Insert the above heading and the following paragraph thereunder immediately following the account "Salaries and expenses":)

To fund payments by the Interstate Commerce Commission to railroads directed to provide emergency rail service over the lines of another carrier in accordance with Section 1(16)(b) of the Interstate Commerce Act, \$21,600,000: Provided, That funds hereby appropriated shall also be available to fund necessary expenses of the Commission incurred in the administration of this Act.

These funds are necessary to reimburse rail carriers for providing service over the lines of the Lehigh and New England Railway Company and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company as required by the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-236). This Act requires the Interstate Commerce Commission to direct one rail carrier to provide necessary service on lines of other carriers which have ceased operations and to provide reimbursements for any losses incurred providing this service.

I have carefully reviewed the proposal for appropriations and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to Congress.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James T. Lynn", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

James T. Lynn