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## Working with US Senator Schumer to get Bike Cars on NY Amtrak Lines

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In my last report, I noted that I had joined U.S. Senator Charles Schumer and my colleague, New York State Senator Betty Little (R-Queensbury), at a press conference calling on Amtrak to add baggage cars capable of carrying bicycles on their Adirondack and Ethan Allen trains, which run from Penn Station to Albany and Saratoga, and other points north. I'm pleased to announce that Amtrak heeded our call and began accommodating bicycles on board in a demonstration program in late July. I'm optimistic that this demonstration will soon become a full-fledged convenient and affordable new way for my constituents to access the beautiful bicycle trails of the Adirondacks and surrounding areas. This initiative will generate revenue and create a new tourism link between New York City and Upstate, as well as promote bike vacations, one of the healthiest and most environmentally friendly forms of recreation.