

Letter To The Rutland Herald Regarding Loss Of Rail Service A Shtern & Paul-Andre Larose  
Dear Editor,

As was recently stated in your newspaper, once the Ethan Allen train is gone it is gone for good.

Roads and highways are regarded as a "Social Necessity". Trains should be regarded no less than that as they are a public service that unite communities and improve the quality of life.

This is something that is taken for granted in many European countries, but is totally lacking in the North American evaluation process.

"Use it or lose" is the constant refrain. Yet, people are using it and Vermont still risks losing it.

If one follows the pseudo-logic of where "numbers warrant", the State should shut down roads, schools and hospitals that are little used.

Like highways, railways are the basic building blocks of a cohesive society. And they are more environmentally friendly than the alternatives.

Increasing, not eliminating, the number of runs of the trains should be the only way to go.

Yours Sincerely,

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