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**WEST WINDSOR** — A West Windsor woman is among the first group of passengers to file a lawsuit against Amtrak following last week's deadly train derailment. Amy Miller, 39, suffered numerous injuries, including a back injury and cuts to her left leg and face, as the train was traveling at 106 miles per hour and veered off its tracks, according to a group of Philadelphia-based attorneys who jointly filed suit Monday. Miller has been released from the hospital but remains under close supervision.

Robert J. Mongeluzzi and **Thomas Kline** filed on behalf of a 23-year-old woman from the Philadelphia area. The plaintiffs represented by the law firm Saltz, Mongeluzzi, Barrett & Bendesky include Miller, two Spanish tourists and a Brooklyn, N.Y. man.

Kline is the same attorney representing the family of Ewing resident Linda Cerritelli, who was killed last year by a natural gas-fueled explosion at age 62.

"There is absolutely no excuse for Amtrak's egregious conduct that led to a horrific tragedy that was easily preventable," Mongeluzzi said in a statement. "Our clients have asked us to find out exactly what happened, hold Amtrak fully accountable, and make sure that steps are taken to prevent a catastrophic train derailment from ever happening again."

Plaintiffs include:

- Felicidad "Feli" Redondo Iban, 64, of Leon, Spain — a retired healthcare administrator whose right arm was nearly severed by the sheer force of the derailment, according to the attorneys. "Still at risk for amputation, Ms. Iban has undergone numerous surgeries related to her injuries and will require additional surgery as a result of serious cuts on her face and about her body," the release said.
- Maria Jesus "Susu" Redondo Iban, 55, cousin of Iban — works for the Spanish government and lives in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Her injuries include lacerations and bruises to the head, face, shoulders and arms, according to the attorneys. She has been evaluated for traumatic brain injury, the release said. "Like the vast majority of the injured passengers, she is exhibiting signs of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)," the release said. Her husband Mariano Ucero Estrades is also named as a plaintiff. She has been released from the hospital but remains under close supervision, according to the attorneys.
- Daniel Armyn, 43, lives in Brooklyn — principal and chief creative officer of New York-based NewBreed Advertising, Inc. He sustained three broken ribs, multiple cuts and bruises and lost teeth in the derailment, the attorneys said. "He also tore his ACL and MCL ligaments in his knee, and, like all the

plaintiffs, requires continued medical treatment for physical and psychological injuries sustained," the release said. His wife, Nicole, is also named as a plaintiff. Armyn has been released from the hospital. "Through its reckless operation on the tracks and inexcusable decision to not include a necessary safety system, Amtrak caused this horrific tragedy," according to the complaints. In addition to compensatory damages, the plaintiffs are seeking punitive damages to be determined by a jury. Attorneys expect to be filing various discovery-related motions in the coming weeks as litigation progresses.