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The Honorable Amit Bose  
Administrator  
Federal Railroad Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.W.  
Washington DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Federal Railroad Administration's proposed long-distance service route including Toledo in the Detroit-New Orleans Corridor, and I encourage the Federal Railroad Administration to give the proposal full and fair consideration.

The Detroit-New Orleans Corridor is a proposed new long-distance service corridor linking Detroit with New Orleans, via multiple cities such as Toledo, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati. Unlike other corridors identified in the FRA's Long Distance Service Study, this corridor is unique in that 80% of the total route track miles consist of discontinued routes readily available after initial investment and needed restoration to resume service to nine metropolitan service areas serving at least 6.68 million individuals. This corridor offers the opportunity to not only bring long-distance service between Detroit and New Orleans, but an opportunity to introduce passenger rail service between four of the biggest cities in America's 7<sup>th</sup> largest state – Ohio.

Besides providing connectivity between large metropolitan statistical areas like Toledo, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati, this corridor links existing Wolverine service to and from Chicago with Ohio and markets in the eastern and southern US. By undertaking the first step of initiating the Long-Distance Service Study, the Federal Railroad Administration can begin to develop safe, reliable, and sustainable travel between Michigan and five other states via Ohio while offering access to the national network.

The Ohio Rail Development Commission is well positioned and eagerly waiting to bring extended Amtrak service to countless Ohioans. An independent agency of the State of

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Ohio within the Ohio Department of Transportation under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4981, the Ohio Rail Development Commission administers rail grade crossing safety and economic development projects for the State.

The Detroit-New Orleans corridor is an outstanding candidate in Amtrak's Long-Distance Service Study and I thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Grim".

State Representative Michele Grim  
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