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November 15, 2017

The Honorable Richard H. Anderson
President and Co-Chief Executive Officer
National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK)
60 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington DC, 20002

The Honorable Charles "Wick" Moorman
Co-Chief Executive Officer
National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK)
60 Massachusetts Avenue NE
Washington DC, 20002

Dear Mr. Anderson and Mr. Moorman,

I am writing in support of adding an Amtrak stop in Lake Forest, Illinois, located on the Hiawatha Service at the existing Metra Milwaukee District-North Line stop. This new Amtrak stop would provide additional access to rail service for my constituents in Lake Forest and others in Lake County and would also bring significant economic benefit to the region.

The current Amtrak Hiawatha Service line runs multiple trains daily from Chicago to Milwaukee, each stopping at three locations along the way. Adding a fourth Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would provide significantly greater access to many businesses, a newly-renovated hospital, schools, major corporate headquarters, and the Great Lakes Naval Station. The costs associated with adding a new Amtrak stop would be limited due to the existing infrastructure already in place at the Lake Forest Metra station.

I am confident of the benefits an Amtrak stop can provide to a community, much like it has in Glenview, Illinois. Glenview's Amtrak stop has been a boon to the village and surrounding communities. That is why I am strongly advocating that Amtrak add a Lake Forest stop in addition to the existing Glenview stop. With full Amtrak service at both stops, we will see alleviated congestion, increased ridership, and a strong economic benefit for the region. I am pleased that the Illinois Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Metra, and Lake Forest have also joined in support of this new stop.

Thank you for your work in ensuring safe and on-time rail service to passengers throughout the country. I appreciate your consideration of my request to add an Amtrak stop in Lake Forest, IL, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Bradley S. Schneider

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