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To: Members of the Surface Transportation Board

From: Linda Pitt, Mayor, Village of Crestline, OH

I would like to participate in the public hearing on February 15th regarding Docket No. FD 36496

I am representing the Village of Crestline, Ohio and am a Passenger rail supporter.

As you can see, I am Mayor Linda Pitt and am the Speaker for this public hearing.

Key Points:

Economic Development – just the possibility of Amtrak coming back to Crestline has sparked downtown development and opens the door to economic opportunities and more jobs in our area. An area that has been hit hard by the loss of General Motors and its suppliers. As well as the relocation of many other industries to the South.

Cost savings for people traveling to work via Cleveland or Columbus as it cuts down their expenses.

Families can put their college students on Amtrak and safely send them to their campuses saving time and money.

Provide mobility to rural residents without access to or the ability to operate their own car. This allows everyone to have access to places they otherwise would not travel to due to cost. Train vs Plane – they can have access to major league sports, and access to major airlines.

Failure to support programs like this tells small town America that you don't care about them.

Failure also limits the masses and their right to affordable travel.

Thank you,