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To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing to express my interest in being considered for membership in the Surface Transportation Board's Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC). If appointed, I am willing to serve as a member of the PRAC in a representative capacity.

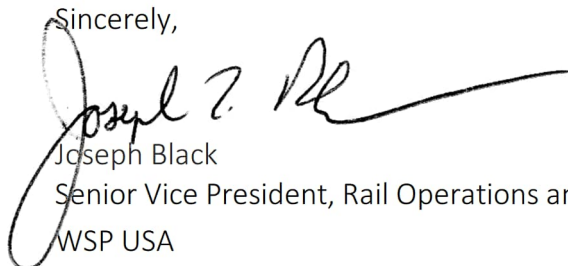
I am currently the Senior Vice President, Rail Operations and Service Planning, leading WSP's national business line for rail operations. My email address is joe.black@wsp.com, and my mobile phone number is (512) 375-1405.

I would be a candidate for one of the at-large positions, as a subject matter expert in passenger rail operations and planning.

I have nearly 40 years of experience in the passenger rail industry, both as a consultant and as a public agency employee/executive, including time spent as the Chief Operating Officer at the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, and the Deputy Executive Director at the Lone Star Rail District. I have provided rail operations and project delivery expertise to some of the largest rail projects in the US, including the Amtrak Gateway Program, New York MTA's East Side Access Program, and the Federal Railroad Administration's Amtrak Long-Distance Study.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Joseph Black
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