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Olympia, WA 98501
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RE: Nomination for Passenger Rail Advisory Committee Membership

Dear Chair Oberman,

I am writing to you to submit my nomination for the Surface Transportation Board Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. I have spent my entire career working to develop and expand rail transportation options around the U.S. and I am passionate about the important role that rail transportation has in providing safe mobility options for people and goods. I believe that my unique blend of knowledge and wisdom will be an asset to the advisory committee and provide advice that will be useful and practical.

My experience in the rail field includes over 35 years of extensive work in both the public and private sectors working in freight, passenger, commuter, and policy areas as summarized below:

- Eighteen years working at Washington State Department of Transportation Rail Office building the Amtrak Cascades service and as a project manager for freight rail projects.
- Eight years with WSP leading the project team developing service and rail operations planning for the Connecticut DOT New Haven-Hartford-Springfield High Speed Rail program.
- Four years with David Evans & Associates supporting rail freight and passenger projects. Clients include Sound Transit, Oregon Department of Transportation, BNSF Railway, and others.
- Two years at the Michigan Department of Transportation Rail program as a Rail Planner.
- Member of American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association
- Chair of Transportation Research Board Committee AR030 Railway Operating Technologies.
- Master's Thesis on Los Angeles-San Diego Amtrak Rail Passenger Travel Patterns.
- Project Manager for the procurement of Talgo passenger rail equipment for the State of Washington
- Deputy Project Manager for the Ultra High Speed Ground Transportation Business Case Analysis.
- Certified by the Project Management Institute as a Project Management Professional (PMP)

I am currently employed as a senior transit and rail planner at the consulting firm David Evans and Associates, located at 724 Columbia St. NW, Suite 320 Olympia, WA 98501.o

I am submitting my nomination for the at-large representative positions on the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. I believe my broad and insightful experience working as a practitioner in

and for intercity rail passenger services will provide the board an important and insightful voice that is outside of the beltway.

Please contact me at JeffOlympia@comcast.net or 360-890-6976 (mobile) if you anything further. I look forward to serving as a representative on the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

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