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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No. 1)]
Notice of Passenger Rail Advisory Committee Vacancies
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Surface Transportation Board Members:

In response to the Surface Transportation Board Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No. 1)], please accept this letter as my self-nomination to serve on the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee of the Surface Transportation Board.

Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) is a quasi-government agency established by the Maine Legislature in the 1990's for the purposes of restoring and overseeing the operation of passenger rail service to and within Maine. I joined NNEPRA in 2000 and was involved in the operation and service-related elements associated with the implementation of the Amtrak Downeaster in 2001. This included schedule and service negotiations with Amtrak, station development, the procurement of an on-board food service vendor, and development of a marketing plan. In 2005 I was appointed Executive Director by the NNEPRA Board of Directors, a role I have served since that time.

In my capacity, I manage a team of eight transportation professionals responsible for overseeing daily operations and funding of the Amtrak Downeaster. The Downeaster makes 5 daily round-trips between Brunswick, ME and Boston, MA serving 12 communities in 3 states. NNEPRA is a goal-oriented organization which works closely with local Amtrak management and crews to maximize service efficiency and performance. We remain engaged with the service and use real-time information and data to monitor results. Throughout my tenure, I have led efforts to improve, increase, support and expand service and NNEPRA has managed more than \$100 million in in track infrastructure improvement projects in partnership with host railroads. NNEPRA is currently managing projects to improve service reliability and increase frequency in Maine with plans underway to expand service along the coast of Maine. In December 2023, the Downeaster Corridor was included in the Corridor I.D. Program sponsored by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and NNEPRA was awarded a grant for a major railroad tie replacement project in partnership with CSX Transportation. The success of the Downeaster, which transports more than a half million riders per year, can be attributed to the positive working relationship NNEPRA has developed with Amtrak, host railroads, operating partners, station communities, riders and other stakeholders.

I am actively involved in passenger rail issues throughout the country and serve on the Executive Committee of the State Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee (SAIPRC) and the States for Passenger Rail Coalition (SPRC).

It would be both a privilege and an honor to apply my decades of experience as a representative of a state-supported Amtrak route on the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee of the Surface Transportation Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Patricia Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patricia" being more prominent than the last name "Quinn".

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