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Dear Surface Transportation Board,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving on the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC) for the Midwest region, particularly in the State of Kansas. Having witnessed the significant impact of the Southwest Chief, a vital long-range passenger train passing through our region, I am eager to contribute my experience, dedication, and passion to the development and enhancement of our transportation infrastructure.

With over 25 years of experience as an elected official at both the state and local levels, I have consistently advocated for and actively participated in the policymaking process aimed at closing the passenger train link from the heart of the United States. My commitment to improving transportation connectivity is underscored by my extensive involvement in three decades of Kansas transportation plans. Notably, I played a pivotal role, as a state senator, in drafting and negotiating the most recent transportation plan for the State of Kansas with an emphasis on rail, showcasing my ability to navigate complex issues and collaborate effectively.

I am proud to have served on the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission, where I chaired the committee for three years and held an officer position for an additional three years. This experience has provided me with valuable insights into the intricacies of passenger rail service and has equipped me with the skills necessary to contribute meaningfully to PRAC.

In addition to my public service, I am a co-owner of a well-established family business. This role has afforded me the flexibility to engage in various capacities, allowing me the time and commitment required to serve on PRAC and be an effective representative for our community.

My dedication to supporting all modes of transportation aligns seamlessly with the responsibilities of the PRAC representative for my region. I firmly believe that my background and expertise in policymaking, negotiation, and advocacy make me a well-qualified candidate to contribute to the continued success and expansion of the rail network in Kansas and the Midwest region.

I am excited about the prospect of serving on PRAC and being a proactive advocate for the Southwest Chief and the broader transportation needs of our community. I am confident that my experience and commitment will make a positive impact on the development of a comprehensive and efficient transportation system for the Midwest region.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further and explore how my skills can contribute to the success of PRAC.

Sincerely,



Carolyn McGinn