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Dear Mr. O'Boyle,

The Colorado Department of Transportation desires to nominate Shoshana Lew, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation, to the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee as a representative from a state in which the intercity passenger rail stations are served only by long-distance trains.

Given Colorado's active pursuit of passenger rail implementation, Ms. Lew, as Executive Director, has been at the forefront of these efforts, demonstrating not only a commitment but also a comprehensive grasp of the challenges and opportunities associated with passenger rail development. Moreover, recent events, such as the incident in Pueblo, highlight the importance of having experienced and knowledgeable individuals like Ms. Lew involved in shaping policies and strategies for passenger rail safety and resilience. Her extensive work in addressing the aftermath of such incidents, alongside her proactive approach to improving rail infrastructure and operations, positions her as an invaluable asset to the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee.

In addition to her work in Colorado, Ms. Lew is a highly regarded transportation professional known for her expertise and leadership in the field. With a career spanning various key roles, Ms. Lew has made significant contributions to the transportation sector. Prior to her role at CDOT, Ms. Lew held prominent positions, including Chief Operating Officer of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Ms. Lew's experience at both state and federal levels positions her as a seasoned expert capable of addressing diverse transportation challenges.

In light of these considerations, I am confident that Ms. Lew's expertise and involvement will serve as an asset to the committee. If selected, Ms. Lew is enthusiastic to serve as a member of the PRAC and agrees to serve in a representative capacity.

Sincerely,

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