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Re: Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No.1)

In response to the Surface Transportation Board's notice of a vacancy on the Passenger Railroad Advisory Committee (PRAC) I am writing to express my interest and willingness to serve on the committee, nominating myself as a candidate. As the Rail & Transit Administrator for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) I would fill the vacancy for a PRAC representative from a state that provides funding for intercity passenger rail.

I have spent my career working on the complex and often contentious issues related to operation and development of passenger rail in the United States. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute my insights and perspectives to support and advise the Board on matters related to passenger rail. With my career experience spanning from positions with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), the Northeast Corridor Commission (NECC), Amtrak, and now the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, I have considerable experience and a balanced perspective when it comes to resolving conflicting organizational objectives while working toward the collective goal of an efficiently operated and maintained passenger and freight rail network.

As Rail & Transit Administrator at MassDOT, I oversee both our passenger and freight rail programs. My division focuses on improving and expanding passenger rail routes, specifically Massachusetts' Amtrak state-supported services, as well as Long-distance and Northeast Corridor routes that operate within the state. I have worked closely with freight rail hosts to resolve issues related to passenger service use of freight rail carrier-owned facilities and am continuously working to improve processes and coordination for the benefit of the public and Massachusetts communities.

Prior to my position at MassDOT, I served as a Senior Director of Strategic Planning at Amtrak, the Director of Policy and Outreach at the NECC, and as a Legislative Representative at APTA. Each of these positions included advancing rail transportation policy by engaging disparate stakeholders to come together to achieve common goals. This experience includes authoring the NEC Commuter and Intercity Rail Cost Allocation Policy and development of Amtrak's annual business plans, both required in statute. Given the range of my experience, I will provide

important perspective to the committee supporting the advice and recommendations it provides to the Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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