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Chairman Patrick Fuchs
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

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

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Meredith Slesinger to serve on the Surface Transportation Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC). Ms. Slesinger would excellently serve as the *"1 representative from a state that provides funding for intercity passenger rail. For purposes of ensuring geographic diversity within PRAC's membership, this representative cannot be from the same State as any of the representatives described in Paragraphs 2 and 5 of this section."* Amtrak would welcome MassDOT's perspective on ways to improve passenger rail.

Ms. Slesinger is well qualified to serve on the PRAC and would bring a deep knowledge of the challenges and opportunities confronting intercity passenger rail service. She has spent most of her profession in the transportation industry, with a specific emphasis on rail issues. Ms. Slesinger is well respected in the rail industry and has a broad background covering Massachusetts (in her current role as Rail and Transit Administrator for MassDOT), but also, she has covered the entire national network in her previous positions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Mitchell
Executive Vice President, Strategy & Planning