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Chairman Patrick J. Fuchs
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No. 1)
Amtrak's Nomination for Passenger Rail Advisory Committee

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

In accordance with the Surface Transportation Board (STB or the Board) announcement of the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee's (PRAC) Charter, two representatives from the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) will serve on the committee. On January 4, 2024, the STB solicited nominations from the public for candidates to fill the vacancies on the PRAC. These positions were filled by Christopher S. Perry (three-year term) and James A. Blair (two-year term). Mr. Blair's term is set to expire this year.

As Amtrak's President, **I am nominating Jennifer Mitchell to replace Jim Blair as one of Amtrak's representatives to this committee.** The application materials shown below demonstrate that Ms. Mitchell is well qualified to serve on PRAC and would bring a strong awareness of the challenges and opportunities facing intercity passenger rail service. Ms. Mitchell has spent most of her career in the transportation industry, with particular focus on rail issues. She is an expert in this field and would be a reliable voice for Amtrak and our workforce of over 20,000 employees.

Jennifer Mitchell

Amtrak Nominee – Jennifer Mitchell (Three-Year Term)

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Jennifer Mitchell – Experience

Jennifer is the Executive Vice President of Strategy and Planning for Amtrak. She joined Amtrak in December 2024. Her portfolio includes planning, infrastructure access, state-supported service line, network development, fleet planning and host railroad functions. She also oversees Amtrak's accessibility, stations and facilities functions.

Prior to Amtrak, Ms. Mitchell served as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) from April 2022 through November 2024, providing executive leadership and direction on agency operations and policy matters, including safety and rail development activities. Ms. Mitchell also oversaw implementation of FRA's Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act provisions, including the development of new discretionary funding programs and railroad development activities.

Additionally, Ms. Mitchell served as director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) from 2014 to 2022, during which she served as the Chair of the VPRA Board between 2020 to 2022. She has also worked in the private sector providing consulting services on financial planning for major capital projects, capital investment planning and development of public-private partnerships for transportation projects. Ms. Mitchell holds a Bachelor of City Planning from the University of Virginia and a Master of Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ms. Mitchell has expressed a desire to serve as a member of the PRAC. She also has agreed to serve in a representative capacity on the committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Roger Harris
President