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Mr. Joseph C. Szabo
United States Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Szabo:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) would like to express its support and commitment with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) in regard to our proposal for a federally-led multi-state passenger rail corridor planning demonstration project from Oklahoma City through Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and to other destination cities in South Texas. TxDOT and ODOT maintain a close and productive relationship regarding passenger rail issues that includes coordination and financial support of Amtrak's Heartland Flyer route from Fort Worth, Texas to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

TxDOT is looking forward to coordinating a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail demonstration project among ODOT, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), rail stakeholders, and the cities and counties along this vital corridor. TxDOT recently conducted a rail visioning workshop in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and the interest and attention generated by passenger rail issues have never been greater. We believe that the capital investment needs identified through this demonstration project could serve as a national model for other FRA-led planning projects that extend across multiple states.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 305-9501 or Bill Glavin, our Rail Division Director, at (512) 486-5230, or via email at wglavin@dot.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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