

The Honorable Amit Bose
Administrator, Federal Rail Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose:

We are writing today to express our shared interest in the restoration of intercity passenger service between Portland, OR and the Boise, ID to Salt Lake City, UT service already requested by that region on Sept. 2 of last year. Upon passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, with its investments in an enhanced national rail network, we have joined with leaders throughout the Pacific Northwest, to state our interest in restoring our legacy Pioneer line. The newly established Corridor Identification and Development Program has inspired us to connect residents to the economic, education and recreational opportunities that exist between our western cities.

Our residents lack the intercity rail service that connect metropolitan areas in other parts of the country. As our region continues to experience considerable growth in population and wealth, our residents look to its leaders to ensure there is a competitive mix of economical, safe, and reliable transportation methods to move between our communities. We feel strongly that intercity rail service between our cities will also be an essential piece of an improved conventional and high-speed rail system that will eventually connect all the West Coast states to the interior of our nation. Our cities look at the proposals to connect Vancouver BC to Portland Oregon with high-speed rail, we believe a network of improved conventional passenger rail will provide for a more reliable pipeline of customers across the system. We come together as local elected officials, state leaders, transportation stakeholders, the business community and education leaders to explore and champion this effort.

On behalf of leaders across the Northwest we request consideration of passenger rail service as described in [Docket No. FRA-2022-0031-0001](#). We stand ready to work with our state and federal Departments of Transportation to take on this opportunity that will prepare our region to scale into the economic and population projections we expect regionwide.

If you need more information, please contact State Senator Chris Gorsek. He can be reached at (503) 986-1725 or by email at sen.chrisgorsek@oregonlegislature.gov

Signatures of support:

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- *Deb Patterson*

Deb Patterson, Oregon State Senator, District 10

- *Bill Hansell*

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- *Lynn Findley*

Lynn Findley, Oregon State Senator, District 30

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Michael Dembrow, Oregon State Senator, District 23

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Kevin Mannix, Oregon State Representative, District 21

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Ricki Ruiz, Oregon State Representative, District 50

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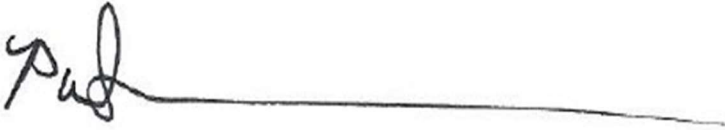
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