



TO: Members, FRA LONG DISTANCE RAIL PASSENGER SURVEY
FROM: Board of Directors, South Dakota State Railroad Museum, Ltd.
DATE: March 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Statement of Support

To Whom it May Concern:

The following Statement of Support reflects the opinion of the Board of Directors of the South Dakota State Railroad Museum, Ltd., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

Currently, it is the Museum Board's intent to support the review of one, or more, of the proposed South Dakota AMTRAK routes contemplated in the Federal Railroad Administration's LONG DISTANCE RAIL PASSENGER SURVEY.

We appreciate the work which has gone into the preparation of this study, and look forward to more detail as the study and discussion phases of the process continues. We would like to commend Mr. Daniel Bilka, a proud South Dakota resident that has championed the cause of passenger rail service for many years.

In the interest of brevity, additional comments regarding possible long distance study routes in the State (advantages and disadvantages) will be presented in additional submission files to this committee at a later juncture.

Again, we appreciate the work which has been done, and are certainly willing to assist as the study continues into later phases.

Sincerely,

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