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RE: Added North Dakota Amtrak Route

Ladies/Gentlemen:

I am writing today to encourage reestablishing passenger rail service on the former Northern Pacific Railway route through the state of North Dakota. To reestablish this service, particularly with a stop in the city of Jamestown would have huge economic and other benefits for our city and this region of North Dakota.

The rail infrastructure is in place, our cities are properly distanced to allow a stop every hundred miles across the state which would increase ridership, make travel to and from our cities during adverse weather much more safe and practical, along with the saving of fuel, wear and tear on roads and vehicles.

This added rail service would also give those of us in the southern area of North Dakota added ability to travel by rail to Minneapolis which is still somewhat of a hub for this area of the country as well as to the West Coast where many from our state have relatives and friends. This added route would also spur our North Dakota tourism sector which is rapidly growing and will continue to grow with the addition of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, Bison World here in Jamestown, and other vacation and travel experiences.

Again, as mayor of Jamestown, North Dakota I urge that this proposal be moved forward.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwaine Heinrich". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dwaine Heinrich, Mayor
City of Jamestown