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The Honorable Richard Anderson  
Harrison County Judge  
200 West Houston, Room 314  
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Dear Judge Anderson:

I want to commend your efforts to establish a regional coalition to improve passenger and freight rail service within the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. It is promising to hear about the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Councils of Government of East Texas, North Central Texas, and Northwest Louisiana.

As a country, we must find ways to relieve traffic congestion and expand options for affordable modes of transportation. I believe we must do that without increasing taxes on gasoline, which has hit record high prices. My seat on the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee allows me to work closely on these issues, including efforts to provide alternative forms of transportation.

I add my congratulations to you and the others who worked to make the signing of this Memorandum possible. This accomplishment is an important step in increasing transportation options to all of these regions. Hopefully the cooperation initiated here will lead to a comprehensive regional effort that will improve the chances of success.

Again, I wish to congratulate you on your hard work and please do not hesitate to let me know if I may be of further assistance.



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