

United States Senate

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May 7, 2008

The Honorable Richard Anderson
Harrison County Judge
200 West Houston, Room 314
Marshall, Texas 75670

Dear Judge Anderson:

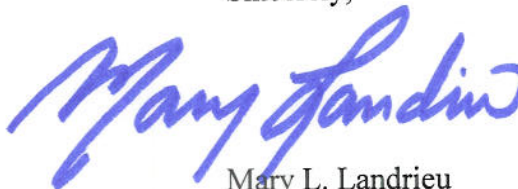
Thank you for your leadership role in establishing a coalition to bring improved passenger and freight rail transportation to Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. Now more than ever America needs viable inter-modal transportation systems.

I have always worked to ensure that America's transportation infrastructure is the finest in the world. Sadly, through the years America's transportation systems have been neglected and are, in many cases, in dire need of repair and replacement. I commend you and your coalition for its efforts to improve an important part of our nation's rail infrastructure. The added freight capacity and ridership would not only be a boon to the local economy; it would ease the burden on our national rail system as well.

Again, thank you for your efforts to improve the rail system in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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