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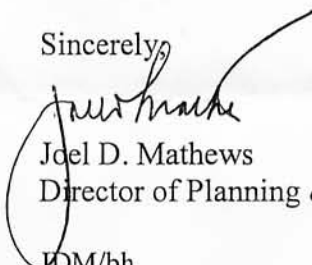
Mayor Daniel J. McKee
Town Hall
45 Broad Street
Cumberland, RI 02864

Dear Mayor McKee:

Approximately two weeks ago a symposium was held at the former P & W Depot here in Woonsocket which was attended by Senator Reed, numerous elected officials throughout the Blackstone Valley, State Agencies, Providence Foundation, Pawtucket Foundation, Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, and the Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission. The meeting in part was held to map out a course of action for the advancement of the reinstatement of commuter rail in the Blackstone Valley running from Worcester, Mass to Providence, RI. It was generally identified that the first step that was needed in order to proceed, would be for all communities to demonstrate their support of an amendment to the current Transportation Improvement Program.

Attached is a resolution that I prepared for the Woonsocket City Council which they adopted last evening. I am forwarding a copy of this Resolution to you for your consideration in placing it before your Town Councils for a similar action. Hopefully if we join together, we can advance an amendment to the TIP Plan that would provide for additional funding to conduct a final detailed study for the implementation of commuter rail in the Blackstone Valley that would connect in Providence with the regional and national rail service. Your support of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Joel D. Mathews
Director of Planning & Development

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CC: Susan D. Menard, Mayor
Senator Jack Reed
John Gregory, President of Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce
Thomas Mann, Pawtucket Foundation
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