



March 23, 2009

The Honorable Ted Strickland
Governor, State of Ohio
Statehouse
Columbus, Ohio 43216

Re: Passenger Rail

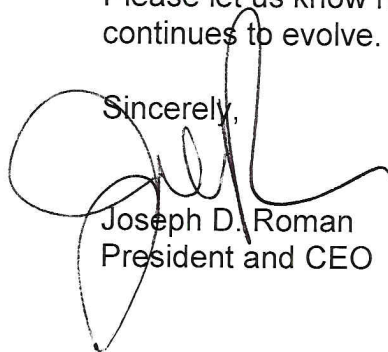
Dear Governor Strickland:

We are grateful to you for reaching out to us on the important issue of passenger rail service in Ohio. As is evidenced by the discussions that have taken place, this is an important issue and touches many segments of our citizenry.

We have reviewed this issue with your staff and our members and wish to convey that we support your efforts to bring federal dollars to Ohio for the purpose of creating a high speed rail system in our state. As pointed out in the attached statement of principles that was submitted to your office by the Columbus Chamber, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber and the Greater Cleveland Partnership, a high speed system that connects our cities is cited as a project worthy of priority consideration.

Please let us know how we can work with you and your staff as this issue continues to evolve.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO