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Secretary Ray LaHood
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The North Carolina House of Representatives recently approved a resolution supporting the implementation of the Passenger Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The resolution called for state, federal and rail officials to work together in order to establish a comprehensive plan for rail infrastructure investment, develop projects and corridor plans, and maximize opportunities to secure federal funding for these purposes.

The Rules of the North Carolina Senate do not allow resolutions on federal matters. However, on behalf of the Senate, I wanted to express support for these collaborative efforts, which could bring millions in much-needed investments to our state to vastly improve our rail system while boosting our economy.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Basnight".

Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore
North Carolina Senate