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Paul Nissenbaum
Associate Administrator, Office of Railroad Development
Federal Railroad Administration
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Docket No. FRA—2022—0031 Establishment of the Corridor Identification and Development Program

Dear Associate Administrator Nissenbaum:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) would like to thank the Federal Railroad Administration for establishing the Corridor Identification and Development Program. New intercity rail service across our state will provide a safer, more equitable alternative to our increasingly congested highways.

NCDOT has studied multiple statewide and interstate corridors for establishing new intercity passenger rail service. A joint expression of interest with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority for the Charlotte to Washington, D. C. corridor has already been submitted. NCDOT will also be submitting an expression of interest on behalf of the Georgia Department of Transportation and the South Carolina Department of Transportation for the Charlotte to Atlanta corridor.

Please accept this letter as an expression of interest for entry into the Corridor Identification and Development Program for additional corridors that link with that corridor and / or provide new or enhanced service linking our current state-supported services between Charlotte, Raleigh, and New York City with the following likely termini:

- Salisbury to Asheville,
- Wilmington, NC to Raleigh,
- Charlotte to Kings Mountain, NC,
- Greenville, NC to Raleigh,
- Winston-Salem to Raleigh,
- Hamlet, NC to Raleigh,

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- Morehead City, NC to Raleigh,
- Fayetteville, NC to Raleigh, and
- Winston-Salem to Charlotte.

The point of contact for these corridors is NCDOT Rail Division Director, Jason Orthner, He may be reached at jorthner@ncdot.gov or 919-707-4714.

Sincerely,

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Julie White

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Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation

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