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Honorable Rick Billinger, Chair
Senate Transportation Committee
Kansas State Capitol
300 Southwest 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66612

Proponent Testimony requesting

Senator Petersen and Members of the Committee


I fully support of Kansas Senate Bill SB-86 that supports the development of new Amtrak passenger rail service in Kansas. Although I am a resident of Kansas City, Missouri, geographically I live just two miles from the Amtrak station at Union Station. I have 5 grandchildren who, in a few short years, will be off to colleges and universities in the region.

I have seen news reports and articles about the prospect of expanded passenger rail service potentially coming to Kansas. When we learned that a bill had been introduced last week and referred to the Ways and Means Committee as SB-86, our hopes for seeing new Amtrak Service on the horizon brightened my day.

My grandchildren may take advantage of the existing Amtrak service and attend colleges in Missouri, for example in Warrensburg or St. Louis, or Kirksville. These cities have colleges that have Amtrak trains running daily to them. If additional Amtrak trains are added in Kansas, perhaps serving the University of Kansas, or Emporia State, or Wichita State, then this option may attract one of our children. I am sure that there are likely many other families living in Kansas and the region that would be attracted to this type of safe, economical and convenient transportation. Their parents really do not want to contemplate the costs of 5 children, and 5 cars, and the care and maintenance, licensing, insurance, parking fees, and down time of a car parked on campus. These are expenses that could better be spent on their education and other expenses while at college.

I hope to see passage of this bill into law and Statute and see new Amtrak service in Kansas as a result.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Corrison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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