

April 22,2023

The Honorable Senator Curtis King
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Dear Senator King,

We are writing to ask you to support state-sponsored Seattle-Spokane passenger rail service via the Yakima Valley. Restoring passenger rail through Central Washington will benefit all of us by reducing pollution and increasing public transportation in an area that has been almost completely left behind.

Money is available now for this project and this is a rare opportunity we cannot afford to miss. Now is the time to act before we lose federal funding. We need your help to secure reliable passenger rail that will serve students, farmworkers, business people, air travelers, and families across Central Washington.

Trains will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce energy consumption. Rail is more efficient than trucks and more efficient than cars based on today's occupancy levels. State sponsored passenger rail across Central Washington will provide residents with essential public transportation service in an area that remains underserved. People across your district need a public transportation option that is comfortable, reasonably priced, reliable, and environmentally responsible. Passenger rail will help meet our transportation needs without having to rely on private vehicles.

We, and all Yakima Valley residents, ask for your support to establish state sponsored east-west passenger rail service as a public transportation option. We ask that you work with the Legislature to take advantage of current Federal Railroad Administration funding opportunities to help establish Seattle to Spokane passenger rail service via the Yakima Valley.

Thank you,

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