

July 13th, 2021

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema
United States Senate

The Honorable Tom O'Halleran
United States Congress

The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
United States Congress

The Honorable Andy Biggs
United States Congress

The Honorable Ruben Gallego
United States Congress

The Honorable Greg Stanton
United States Congress

The Honorable Mark Kelly
United States Senate

The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
United States Congress

The Honorable Paul Gosar
United States Congress

The Honorable David Schweikert
United States Congress

The Honorable Debbie Lesko
United States Congress

Dear Members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation:

As Mayors of cities and towns located along the potential Tucson-Phoenix-West Valley Amtrak route, we enthusiastically support Amtrak's vision to bring passenger rail service to our communities. Frequent and reliable passenger rail service will expand economic opportunities and provide important regional connections between our cities and towns.

We further support Amtrak's reauthorization proposal to create a Corridor Development Program, which will help advance Amtrak's planning, development and implementation of new corridor routes and improvements to existing routes. By funding this program through Amtrak's National Network grant, Amtrak can make the initial capital investments necessary to get these new routes up and running. The grant will also cover the operating costs for the first several years, offering new services the ability to grow ridership and generate revenue.

Amtrak has made clear its commitment to working in a collaborative manner with state and local partners to grow the national rail network, and we look forward to this partnership. In addition to Amtrak's National Network grant, we also support increased funding for USDOT competitive grants, which can also support more passenger rail.

We ask that you support Amtrak's reauthorization proposal as Congress considers the future of surface transportation programs. Thank you for helping bring Amtrak service to our communities.

Sincerely,



Tucson Mayor Regina Romero



Goodyear Mayor Georgia Lord



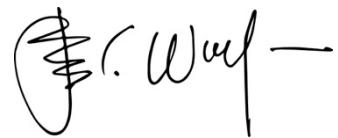
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Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers



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