

May 27, 2016

The Honorable Thomas Wolf Governor's Correspondence Office 508 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor:

The Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors recently approved a recommendation from the organization's Transportation Committee to advocate for increased rail passenger service between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. The committee feels strongly that adding two more passenger trains each day would be an economic driver for the communities located along that route.

Our research on this proposal indicates that there is a demand for additional service and that the financial commitment would eventually be offset due to the convenience and flexibility of schedules that don't currently exist with just one train.

Our Chamber is proud to support the efforts already undertaken by the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership regarding rail passenger service in Pennsylvania. We would welcome the opportunity to work with the Wolf Administration to create more and effective ways to grow Pennsylvania's transportation system. Your support is imperative.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you have regarding this important issue.

Sincerely,

The Chamber

Joseph D. Hurd President/CEO