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RE: Gulf Coast Passenger Service Between New Orleans and Mobile STB Finance Docket No. 36496

Dear Ms. Brown:

The City of Pascagoula had served as one of the designated stops for the Amtrak Passenger Train until the rail line was damaged from Hurricane Katrina in 2005. During the duration of Amtrak's operation within our community we experienced positive economic impacts and increased transportation opportunities for our citizens. Pascagoula is again designated to serve as a stop on the Mississippi Coast for the Gulf Coast Amtrak Passenger Rail Line.

I am filing this notice of my intent to participate in the February 15, 2022 Gulf Coast Passenger Service hearing before the Board on behalf of the City of Pascagoula. I request five minutes of speaking time. My testimony will cover the following key points:

1. Extensive planning and resources already invested by Mississippi municipalities, the Federal Railroad Administration, and Amtrak to establish Amtrak passenger services.
2. The positive economic impact that passenger rail services will provide to communities along the Mississippi Coast.
3. Providing an alternative mode of transportation for Mississippi citizens and furthering interconnectedness amongst Mississippi communities.

I will provide my e-mail address to the Board today via an e-mail to Hearings@stb.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael Silverman
Pascagoula City Manager