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To: House Economic Development and Small Business Committee

Re: Remarks on House bills 5769 & 5770 for Today's Committee Hearing

The Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers (MARP) supports both House bills 5769 & 5770 to allow the State of Michigan to be able to provide matching grant money for the multiple Federal grants that are included in the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Successful grant applications will help fund the planning and startup costs for Michigan centric intercity and regional rail service in Michigan.

MARP envisions a future where public transit of all forms integrate with each other to provide our citizens with seamless options to use multimodal transit (trains, planes, and buses) to complete their trips. We need to catch up to other states with much more robust transit systems if we are to improve our economic future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Vagnozzi". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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