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GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

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Mr. Tom Faella
400 4th Street N, Room 2300
La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear Mr. Faella:

Thank you for contacting me to express your support of high-speed rail. I welcome your input and am pleased to tell you about our progress in bringing high-speed rail to Wisconsin and the Midwest.

I have long believed that passenger rail is the missing link in our national transportation policy. Bringing passenger rail service to this area will create high-skilled jobs, spur economic growth, and make travel safe and comfortable.

In October, Wisconsin submitted an application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for federal funds to develop a \$651.8 million high-speed passenger rail line between Milwaukee and Madison and we also joined with seven Midwestern states in July to work cooperatively to pursue ARRA funding to develop the Midwest high-speed rail corridor. This followed up on our agreement with Spanish train manufacturer Talgo to put two train sets into service and to establish new assembly and maintenance facilities in the state. The rail car assembly plant will support the delivery of Talgo trains throughout the Midwest and country.

Like you, I continue to see great possibilities in a reliable, efficient mode of transportation that will reduce highway and airway congestion and strengthen our economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Doyle".

Jim Doyle
Governor

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