

*GREATER SCRANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION*

WHEREAS, Amtrak has proposed to operate a new corridor between Scranton, the Poconos, and New York City and have calculated the economic benefit of this rail passenger corridor to be \$87 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority (PNRRA) has already invested over \$18 million in saving and rebuilding this rail corridor for rail service; and

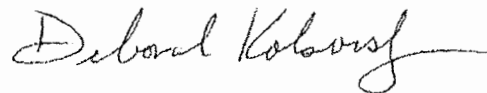
WHEREAS, the PNRRA has entered into a contract with Amtrak to provide infrastructure analysis, ridership analysis, etc. on their proposed new corridor for which PNRRA is paying Amtrak \$400,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the residents and core industries of northeastern Pennsylvania, including education, medical, tourism and recreation sectors, look to rail passenger service as a critical building block for economic growth in Northeastern Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, northeastern Pennsylvania has been without passenger rail service for over 50 years but has pursued the restoration of this vital rail service for many decades and now with the passage of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act the funding opportunity has presented itself to provide the restoration of this long-awaited rail passenger service;

THEREFORE, The Board of Directors of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce strongly endorses the Amtrak proposed corridor between Scranton and New York City, based on the recognized economic benefits and broad support in our business community.

Dated at Scranton, Pennsylvania this 2nd day of December 2021.



Deborah A. Kolsovsky
Chair, Board of Directors



Robert F. Durkin
President