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Mr. Matt Carpenter
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Dear Mr. Carpenter:

I am writing on behalf of the Genoa Township Board of Trustees, offering support for the concept of the North-South Commuter Rail Service from Howell to Ann Arbor.

We realize that rail service to Genoa Township might not begin for some time. However, we feel it is valuable for the development of the North-South Commuter Rail Service to formally recognize that Genoa Township is interested in the community planning, zoning and infrastructure framework necessary to facilitate an efficient rail access station. We have considered future rail service along the proposed commuter rail route as we evaluate our zoning districts, density, and Master Plan.

Genoa Township is located within the heart of Livingston County and features lakes and wetlands, rolling hills and meadows, state parks and wildlife, all at the crossroads of two major highways, US-23 and I-96. Five metropolitan areas are within 50-miles, including Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Toledo, and Flint. With more than 4,947-acres to explore in southern Genoa Township and near the rail line, outdoor adventure awaits travelers. The Brighton Recreation Area and Bishop Lake area features attractive lakes and miles of trails for equestrian life, mountain biking, and hiking. We are the home of the Mt. Brighton Vail Ski & Golf Resort, one of Michigan's most popular ski destinations, offering membership with unlimited access to Mt. Brighton and eight world-class locations out West. Our Grand Oaks Ice Arena & Skating Rink is available year round, offering open ice skating, beginner or advanced hockey programs.

Though we cannot commit financial support at this time, please know that Genoa Township is supportive of the North-South Commuter Rail.

Sincerely,

The Genoa Township Board of Trustees
Gary McCririe, Township Supervisor

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