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U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington D.C. 20590  
ATTN: TIGER Grants Program Manager

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as an endorsement of the effort to obtain funding for the repair and improvement of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Railroad Company line running from Shawnee, Oklahoma to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. As the largest employer in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma the Citizen Potawatomi Nation understands the critical role this railroad plays in the regional economy as it serves several of the county's major employers.

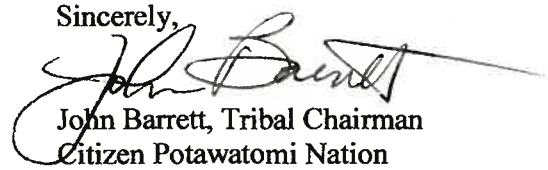
Of specific interest to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, maintaining the railroad from Shawnee to Oklahoma City is of utmost importance as we are in the process of developing an extension of this line to the east approximately 1 mile into our reservation area. The purpose will be to develop a rail-anchored multimodal industrial park on Native American trust land. We therefore request that you give favorable consideration to the AOK Railroad's application.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

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Thank you for your efforts to improve rail service to Oklahoma and the Nation.

Sincerely,

  
John Barrett, Tribal Chairman  
Citizen Potawatomi Nation