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The Honorable Pat Toomey
Office of Senator Toomey
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Dear Senator Toomey,

I am writing to request your support for a \$647 million federal investment currently awaiting approval from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) that would create valuable job opportunities in Ambler, PA. LTK Engineering Services has been engaged by Caltrain, a commuter railroad based in California, for nearly a decade to provide engineering services to modernize their rail corridor. While the physical project is located elsewhere, we are a 90-year old, employee owned business located in Montgomery County and have been contracted to do a significant amount of the work.

Last year, Caltrain awarded contracts to advance design work on the project, but construction cannot start without approval of a Federal investment that is pending at USDOT. After two years of work with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), they gave the project a "medium high" rating and recommended it move forward. For the Caltrain project to move forward as planned, USDOT must approve the \$647 million FTA Core Capacity Grant prior to March 1, 2017. Any delay would result in costly penalties and cost increases that would threaten the viability of the project and the associated jobs that would be created in Pennsylvania. In addition to jobs at LTK to do the engineering work, there may also be contracts for structural steel and other metal products awarded to western Pennsylvania companies once the project moves into production. This project truly is "shovel ready" so the impact to our Commonwealth will be immediate.

The Core Capacity funds are being matched with over \$1.3 billion in local, regional, state and federal formula funds to create more than 9,600 jobs across the nation, as shown in the attached map.

There is concern among your colleagues and in the Administration that this project will benefit the California High Speed Rail project and so they oppose it. While California's High Speed Rail system plans to use this same corridor, eventually, it is the last section of the project that will be completed – nearly 20 years from now. In the meantime, the benefits to the Bay Area, and to our business in Ambler are accruing right now.

Details of the project are available in the attached FAQs. We would be happy to brief you or your staff on the direct benefits that will be created for us (specifically, 20 jobs in engineering) and we look forward to a continued partnership with you on this important issue.

Investment in our nation's infrastructure supports economic growth across the country and we hope you will support this important project by contacting Secretary Chao and encouraging USDOT/FTA approval of the investment before March 1st 2017.

Sincerely,

LTK Engineering Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan DiBrito", with a large, stylized "A" at the end.

Dominic A. DiBrito, P.E.
President