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The Honorable Ryan McEachron
Mayor Pro Tem
City of Victorville - City Hall
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Dear Mayor McEachron:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) loan application for the XpressWest High-Speed Passenger Train Project. Secretary Foxx has asked me to respond on his behalf and apologize for the delay.

I appreciate your letting the Department know of your support of the XpressWest Project and the efforts of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority to extend service from Victorville to Palmdale. As you are likely aware, the U.S. Department of Transportation's review of the XpressWest RRIF loan application has been suspended. As the Department has publicly stated, we will be pleased to reconsider the application when XpressWest resolves the outstanding issues and makes the necessary changes to its application.

Again, thank you for sharing your views regarding the XpressWest High-Speed Passenger Train Project. The Department continues to work toward modernizing our Nation's passenger rail system and we appreciate your support. I have sent a similar response to each cosigner of your letter.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Szabo
Administrator