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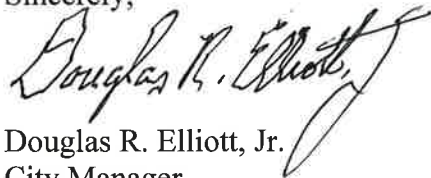
Dear Mr. James:

Miami University recently hosted a community meeting with All Aboard Ohio and Amtrak officials. It was very well attended. One of the items discussed was the need for an Amtrak stop in the City of Oxford. Amtrak's Cardinal Line passes through the City three times a week, but does not stop. With a student population of 18,000 and numerous events offered by the City of Oxford and Miami University throughout the year, the City and Miami University believe a market exists to support such a stop. We understand that nationwide Amtrak service and ridership has been increasing significantly over the last decade. We believe that an Amtrak stop in Oxford would further enhance the Cardinal Line.

The City of Oxford and Miami University request that Amtrak consider a feasibility study of establishing a new Cardinal Line stop in Oxford. We look forward to partnering with Amtrak on this project. Once the study is complete and Amtrak decides to move forward, then the City and Miami University will determine proposed locations for an ADA compliant boarding platform and waiting facility, as well as, funding options.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this request or need further information.

Sincerely,



Douglas R. Elliott, Jr.
City Manager



David Hodge
President
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