



January 26, 2012

To Whom It May Concern

I am pleased to offer my full support for the restoration and reactivation of historic Adirondack rail lines including the Saratoga and North Creek Rail line from North Creek in Warren County to Tahawus, Essex County, New York. New commercial investment is always welcome and important within the Adirondack Park; where private sector employment opportunities are extremely limited. I view this project as a critical component towards reversing the trend of dis-investment in the Park, and would look for ways that the EDC could partner with the rail operators to encourage investment and reactivation of this unique transportation asset.

The rail line between North Creek and Tahawus offers possibilities for new economic opportunities that may result in bringing businesses back to the area that were once an integral part of Adirondack living. The ability to access freight rail service is growing in importance as a key component in site selection decision-making; logistical issues and logistical costs are driving investments. The North Creek to Tahawus line reactivation will enable the Iowa and Pacific Railroad to market an important new freight service; which supports and strengthens their new passenger services. Their popular Polar Express and Snow Trains began in 2011 and sales have been strong. Economies of scale may make adding freight service to this line a much more viable opportunity for both business users, and tourist users. One line of business supports and compliments the other to pay dividends for the operators and to the three counties touched by this rail line.

I strongly urge full support for the initiative to revitalize and reactivate historic Adirondack rail lines. The North Creek to Tahawus proposed freight delivery service in the Adirondack Park of New York State, is a win-win for all.

Sincerely,

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Victoria Pratt Gerbino, CECD

President

EDC Warren County

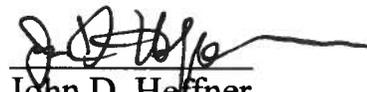
**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

FD 35559

**SARATOGA AND NORTH CREEK RAILWAY, LLC
—OPERATION EXEMPTION—
TAHAWUS LINE**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I mailed a copy of the "Support letter of Warren County, NY," on behalf of Saratoga And North Creek Railway, LLC, dated February 6, 2012, in the above-captioned proceeding by first class United States Mail and/or electronic transmission to all parties on the Board's service list on February 6, 2012:



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