

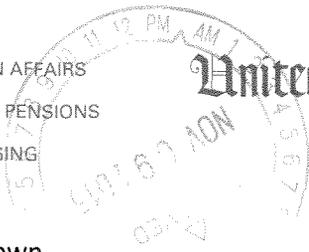
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Dear Ms. Brown

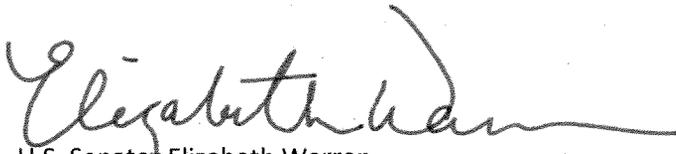
I am writing in support of the Town of Adams in relation to the MassDOT's acquisition of the Adams Branch. MassDOT's acquisition of the Adams Branch would allow the Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum (BSRM) to host a passenger excursion operation which would serve as a crucial cultural and recreational resource to the Town of Adams and surrounding towns.

This acquisition has the ability to significantly attract tourism and revenue for the Town of Adams and the region as a whole; a region whose economy is largely tourism-based. The BSRM and Town of Adams is looking for expedited decision to be made for several reasons, which include the opportunity to being advertising for the upcoming holidays, and so that they can begin to benefit from the increased economic activity that it will bring.

It is important to note that a detailed Operating Agreement is in place to ensure that there is a balance between freight operations and passenger excursion service. It has been agreed upon that these two services will occur in specific operating times, with the BSRM operating Friday nights and weekends.

This acquisition will provide great benefit to the Town of Adams and Berkshire County as a whole, and I ask that you use careful consideration when making this decision. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration in reviewing this transaction as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren
U.S. Senator for Massachusetts