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Dear Congressman McCaul,

On behalf of the Flatonia community, I'd like to request your support for an intermodal project capable of propelling the economy for not only the Flatonia community, but also in the establishment of opportunities for growth and sustainability throughout rural Fayette County and south-central Texas should funds become available. The 2021 Infrastructure Bill proposes a significant potential increase to Amtrak service. The City of Flatonia, in partnership with Amtrak and Union Pacific, offers a unique solution to several key issues as well as serves as a conduit for growth and opportunity throughout the region.

Amtrak currently has no stops between San Antonio and Houston and Flatonia serves as the halfway point between these two major cities. Amtrak currently travels through Flatonia six times per week along their east-west mainline and has supported and requested approval for a stop in Flatonia from the Union Pacific railroad dating back to 2014. Union Pacific has also supported Flatonia as a stop location; however funding has thus far been the largest barrier in moving this project forward.

It appears that in today's political climate, and with your support, Amtrak and Flatonia have the opportunity to secure the funding necessary to bring an Amtrak stop to our city and make the community's dream a reality.

I cannot underscore enough how important Flatonia's Amtrak and CARTS's project is to this community and the entire south-central Texas region, and would like to strongly encourage you and your team to pull out all the stops to make sure rural Texas is not left behind in the upcoming infrastructure bill. I look forward to working with you and your staff in all ways possible to secure funding with the hope of bringing this great project to Flatonia. Thank you for all that you do for the 10th District of the great State of Texas.

My best regards,

Bryan Milson, Mayor
City of Flatonia