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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
BEN LEMAN

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June 7, 2021

The Honorable Michael McCaul  
2440 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Amtrak Corridor Vision 2021 - Proposed New Amtrak Station in Flatonia, Texas

Dear Congressman McCaul,

As you may be aware, Amtrak recently released their 2021 Corridor Vision, which outlines their plan to develop and expand our nation's transportation infrastructure, among other things. Amtrak has long served our nation by acting as a link between urban and rural areas all across the U.S. In this new report, Amtrak has named Flatonia, Texas as a proposed new Amtrak station.

Since its establishment, Flatonia has been a meeting place for several railway lines. It was first established in 1873 on the Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio Railway and a few years later, in 1887, became the meeting place of the two main railway lines in Texas, the San Antonio and Arkansas Pass Railway. When I was elected to represent House District 13 back in 2018, I was always impressed with Flatonia's initiative and their decade's long efforts to secure an Amtrak stop. With Amtrak clearly desiring to put a stop somewhere between Houston and San Antonio, Flatonia is logically a well placed location given it would be a mid-way stop between San Antonio and Houston. It is important to note that this proposed new station would protect private property owner's rights because the project would be using existing infrastructure that is currently being underutilized from a public transportation perspective.

Flatonia's history alludes to the importance and the benefits of it becoming home to a new Amtrak station and I ask for your support to ensure this becomes a reality. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or if there is any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Leman", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ben Leman  
Texas State Representative  
House District 13

