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The Honorable Ronald L. Batory
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) – Metrolink's Positive Train Control System Upscaling

Dear Administrator Batory:

I am writing to express my support for the Southern California Regional Rail Authority's (Metrolink) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant application for Positive Train Control (PTC) system upscaling. The proposed project, including upgrading various wayside, on-board and back-office PTC systems, is critical to ensuring the full, reliable deployment of PTC systems across the nation.

As Metrolink's commuter rail systems moves closer to 100% deployment of PTC across all host/tenant trains and lines with its interoperable partners, the necessary infrastructure to provide processing power is reaching its upper limits. Upgrades are needed to handle increased operation and functionality associated with full deployment of PTC technologies nationwide.

These upgrades are critical to improving PTC performance, reliability, resiliency and security. Project components include:

- Upgrading four existing processing cards in the Train Management Computer (TMC) to improve processing power, and adding two additional processing cards;
- Wayside system hardware upgrades to support deployment of Wireless Crossing Nearside Signal System (WCNSS) – improving functionality at key locations;
- Development and deployment of Systems Management tools – including a back office controller and field agents that enable a higher level of security.

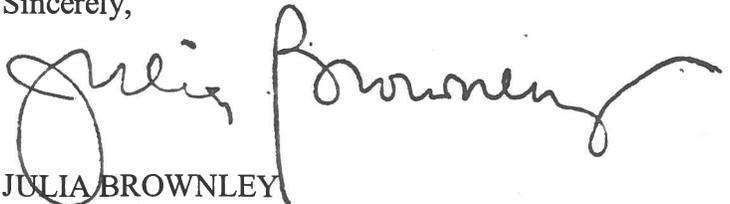
The full deployment of PTC technologies provides direct and in-direct safety benefits by ensuring safe operations of passenger and freight rail service. Reducing delays and providing reliable transport is critical in ensuring a rail network that can support shared local, state and federal goals associated with economic development and improving air quality. These benefits

extend beyond Southern California by providing the rail industry with important advancements in PTC development and deployment – reducing delays and resulting in potentially less costly and more quickly implemented PTC systems throughout the nation.

These system improvements are critical to ensuring the continued safe operation of commuter, intercity and freight rail services; a shared priority of local, state and federal partners. For these reasons, I urge you to give full and fair consideration to Metrolink's CRISI grant application, consistent with all relevant rules and regulations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Brownley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

JULIA BROWNLEY
Member of Congress