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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL
President Toni Preckwinkle
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Re: Fair Transit for South Cook Pilot Program

Dear Honorable President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Board of Commissioners:

As chair of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation, it is my pleasure to express the full support of the Commission for the Fair Transit for South Cook Pilot Program.

Since its early days, the Commission on Social Innovation has encouraged regional transit coordination to strengthen the South Suburbs; improving access economic opportunities for residents while supporting the Cook County communities in which they reside. We appreciate the advancements the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways and regional partners have made in this effort.

The Commission on Social Innovation proudly introduced Resolution #17-1125, i.e. *The Resolution of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation Calling on a Feasibility Study of Cross-Rail Chicago*, to conduct a study of the potential for Metra to collaborate with CTA, RTA and Pace to improve access to transportation for residents of the South suburbs, and we are pleased to see that the results of that study have led to the proposal of this pilot program.

The Commission fully supports the proposed pilot program and the stated objective of which is to "demonstrate that we can provide better transit service for south Cook County residents by changing fare policies, increasing service on the Metra Electric Line and Rock Island Lines, and improving coordination between Metra, Pace, and the CTA" and we are eager to observe its impact.

Sincerely,

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