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Calumet City  
Calumet Park  
Chicago Heights  
Country Club Hills  
Crete  
Dixmoor  
Dolton  
East Hazel Crest  
Flossmoor  
Ford Heights  
Glenwood  
Harvey  
Hazel Crest  
Homer Glen  
Homewood  
Lansing  
Lynwood  
Markham  
Matteson  
Midlothian  
Mokena  
Monee  
New Lenox  
Oak Forest  
Olympia Fields  
Orland Hills  
Orland Park  
Palos Heights  
Park Forest  
Phoenix  
Posen  
Richton Park  
Riverdale  
Robbins  
Sauk Village  
South Chicago Heights  
South Holland  
Steger  
Thornton  
Tinley Park  
University Park

April 30, 2009

Dear CREATE Partners:

The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, representing 42 communities in southern Cook and Will Counties, has long been a supporter of the CREATE Program. As you are aware, the southern suburbs are greatly impacted by rail freight traffic movements and the industry plays a large part of our economy.

The CREATE Program would improve not only freight rail movements, but also improve passenger rail service, ease highway congestion, enhance safety and improve air quality throughout the Chicago region. In addition, the CREATE Program would have significant benefits nationwide due to the importance of Chicago as the rail hub of the country.

The Association supports this true public-private partnership and also supports efforts at both the federal and state levels to obtain the public funding necessary to fund this critical project. The Association also seeks to play an increasing role in the planning and execution of projects in the CREATE Program as additional funding becomes available.

If you would like additional information, please contact me at (708) 206-1155.

Sincerely,

Edward W. Paesel  
Executive Director

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