



January 14, 2026

The Honorable David A. Fink
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Fink:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support on behalf of Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd") for the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) application, on behalf of the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program, for funding through the National Railroad Partnership Program. The application proposes a project that is designed to improve rail traffic in the Chicago area.

Commonwealth Edison Company is an electric utility serving more than 4.2 million customers in the northern Illinois area, including the City of Chicago, and is deeply committed to helping each of our customers use technologies that enhance their lives as well as investing in our communities. We believe that this project may provide a critical step forward by providing improved rail infrastructure that could benefit our entire service territory.

ComEd enthusiastically supports improving the efficiency, capacity, safety, travel times, and reliability of passenger and freight rail throughout Chicago. A significant proportion of the rail passengers that would benefit from proposed rail infrastructure improvements are also ComEd customers. We are certainly in favor of any new technology or infrastructure investment that improves our customers' travel convenience, reliability, and safety.

In addition, ComEd is a subsidiary of Exelon Corporation, the largest transmission and distribution utility in the country, serving more than 10.7 million customers, and which as a result, purchases billions of dollars of goods every year. Any significant improvement in freight transportation that is expected to move goods faster and more efficiently through rail freight channels would benefit our company, our customers, and our communities.

Commonwealth Edison Company supports this application of the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT), on behalf of the CREATE Program, for funding through the National Railroad Partnership Program.

Sincerely,

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Player", is written over the printed name below.

Dale Player
Vice President
Engineering and Smart Grid