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Economic Development Partnership  
Attn: Ben Snow  
525 University Loop, Suite 101  
Rapid City, SD 57709

Re: Rushmore Regional Rail Authority

Dear Ben,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet and discuss the concept of the Rushmore Regional Rail Authority. Based on the conversation today, my understanding is Jay Alderman and Joel Landeen will continue to work out a draft agreement and will be including other interested parties (ie: Box Elder and Wall).

Once there is agreement amongst the attorneys, the agreement would be presented to the Pennington County Commission first for discussion and ratification and then would be presented to the Rapid City Council and to the other Cities who choose to participate.

You also indicated your intentions to continue to play a leading role for promoting this important economic development tool for our region. I also understand you will be helping to coordinate letters of support from area businesses and Chambers of Commerce, the Governor's Office of Economic Development and our U.S. Congressional delegation.

While we understand the ownership of the old Canadian Pacific/DM&E line is under negotiation for purchase by Genesee & Wyoming, we plan to include them in the conversation.

I appreciate your interest and your persistence in moving this discussion forward.

Sincerely,

Sam Kooiker, Mayor  
Rapid City, South Dakota

Cc: Chairman Lyndell Petersen - Pennington County Commission  
Jay Alderman – Pennington County Deputy State's Attorney  
Joel Landeen – City Attorney, City of Rapid City

