

**NORTH CENTRAL**  
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Mohammed Khan, administrator  
MART  
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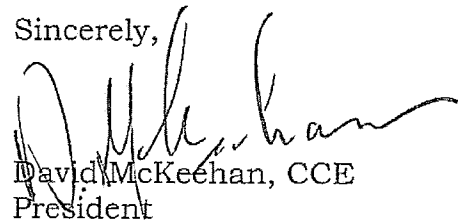
Dear Mr. Khan:

We are writing to support the application MART is submitting for a federal TIGER Discretionary Grant for the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Extension - Wachusett Station and Layover Facility. The project will facilitate much needed economic development to our regional industrial areas in Fitchburg and Westminister. The expansion and new facility will create and preserve jobs that could easily be relocated if investments of this type are not made. This improvement will allow more commuter train service to directly benefit businesses in the area and, at the same, increase ridership.

The project will offer realistic public transit options to commuters from throughout the region. We need the ability for reverse commuting, from points east, and increased frequency of the services for our region to attain its maximum potential for economic opportunity.

The North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce supports this project and, we request that the project be funded in full through the TIGER program, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



David McKeehan, CCE  
President