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CONNECT DUNKIRK

Dear Western New York Partner:

A new initiative to secure balanced, reliable and environmental transportation to our area has been launched by Chautauqua / Cattaraugus Women's Action Group and other interested parties. Along with our highways and airports we must include rail transportation, particularly rail passenger transportation for our citizens and business individuals.

A feasibility study for the Dunkirk Intermodal Facility was released in 2001. (Architectural Rendering On Reverse # 1) In this study one time total costs to improve and reopen the rail passenger station at East Third St. and Main St. (US Rt. 60) in Dunkirk were \$ 1,200,000. Previously, agreements with AMTRAK (National Railroad Passenger Corp) and CSX (freight railroad and building owner) were in place, but were not initiated by subsequent administrations. In recent years numerous rail passenger stations across New York State's "Empire Corridor" (New York City – Niagara Falls) and "Adirondack Line" (Saratoga – Rouses Point) have been completely rebuilt or improved with local, state and federal funds.

Currently east / west rail passenger service is provided by AMTRAK's "Lake Shore Limited" between New York City and Boston to and from Chicago. These trains operate daily with coach, sleeping, lounge, meal and beverage services available directly to 26 cities on this route plus connections. (Schedule On Reverse # 2) Approximate times at Dunkirk are 8:08 AM eastbound and 1:00 AM westbound.

We are requesting from you a letter of support for a New Feasibility Study for improvements and reopening the rail passenger station at Dunkirk. Please find enclosed a sample letter for your signature and return. These will be compiled and forwarded to transportation and elected officials at local, state and federal levels.

Thank you very much for your time, interest and support.

"Get On A Train Committee"

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