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RE: Chicago Union Station  
Chicago, Cook County, IL  
Historic Preservation Commitments

Dear Dr. Leibowitz:

Thank you for participating in recent discussions with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) regarding the removal of historic fabric in some of the upper stories of Chicago Union Station. As discussed during our most recent teleconference on November 24, 2017, Amtrak, with your written approval, proposes to commit to the following items to offset the removal of upper story historic fabric at Chicago Union Station.

1. Remove incompatible non-historic lighting in the Great Hall and adjacent Canal Street entrance stair halls and install new fixtures that are hidden from view or are compatible with the historical character of these spaces. The lighting scheme will highlight architectural features and improve overall lighting levels in the spaces in a manner that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Amtrak, through FRA, will submit the proposed design for this work to your office for review under separate cover.
2. Prepare Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documentation to record the Great Hall consistent with Level II HABS documentation and archival standards, meeting the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Architectural and Engineering Documentation*. The documentation will include a narrative description and historical summary in standard HABS format; large-format photography of the interior and exterior of the building, with interior photographs focusing on significant interior spaces and features, with representative photographs of secondary spaces and areas lacking integrity; and photographs of certain historic building plans, to be selected in consultation with your office and in keeping with Amtrak protocols for security sensitive information. Some historic photographs will be included in the documentation, if appropriate permissions can be obtained. Additionally, the documentation will include a description of repositories where historical photographs, drawings, and similar documents are located, as well as a summary of the contents of those collections. Amtrak will share draft materials with your office for review and comment. The final documentation will be submitted by Amtrak to your office and to the National Park Service for inclusion in the HABS collection at the Library of Congress.
3. Amtrak will consider using the information collected for the HABS documentation to inform the public about the history and significance of Chicago Union Station. Such efforts may include posting historical information or photographs on the Chicago Union Station website, building upon successful public information boards and exhibits currently on display at the station that document the character of historic elements and their restoration in recent and ongoing projects,

or other appropriate methods.

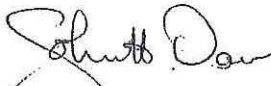
4. Amtrak will consider re-introduction of historic Chicago Union Station benches in the Great Hall that had previously been moved to another station in Amtrak's system, and potentially construction of new benches matching the historic benches, if feasible pending the outcome of ongoing space planning for the Great Hall.

Amtrak has already offered the salvaged doors, transoms, and related materials removed from the upper stories to the potential station Master Developer for their re-use in the building, should an agreement be reached between Amtrak and the Master Developer.

Amtrak and FRA understand and appreciate the historical significance of Chicago Union Station. Recent Amtrak projects at the station have done much to improve customer safety, comfort, and station functionality in a manner that preserves the historic fabric and character of the station and brings significant activity and public visibility to this important historic building. We look forward to working with your office on projects with federal involvement at the station in the future.

We appreciate your consideration of the commitments proposed above, and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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**CONCUR**

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