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Deb Smith, Chairman
National Transportation Safety Board
490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20594

Dear Chairman Smith,

I have been contacted by a constituent, Mr. Charlie Romstad, who tragically lost his mother in the AMTRAK derailment of March 17, 2001 near Nodaway, Iowa. I have enclosed a copy of Mr. Romstad's correspondence for your review.

I request you schedule a public hearing of the National Transportation Safety Board to review the tragic AMTRAK derailment of March 17th. I also request you have the appropriate member of your staff review Mr. Romstad's suggestions, and provide me with a written response. I believe he raises several valid points which are worthy of the Board's attention.

Thank you for your attention to my request, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Leonard L. Boswell
Member of Congress

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Enclosure