

# VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY

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Congressman Donald Manzullo  
101 N. Virginia Street, Suite 170  
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Dear Congressman Manzullo:

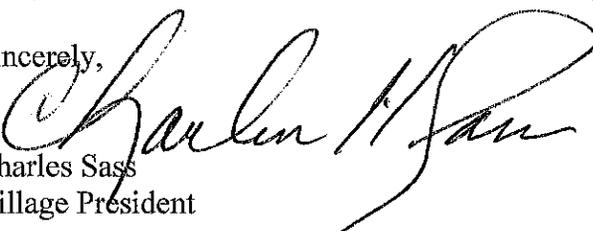
Over the past several years, the Village of Huntley has been closely following the proposed Amtrak service between Chicago, Rockford and Dubuque, Iowa. We are very pleased to learn that the Belvidere route has been selected as this route provides an opportunity to establish Amtrak service in McHenry County.

Based on Amtrak's 2007 Feasibility Report, McHenry County is the only county the route traverses that does not have a possible location identified for a station. The Village of Huntley provides an exceptional opportunity to establish Amtrak service for McHenry County. The Village has a large would-be rider base from Del Webb's Sun City and provides the regional accessibility to draw riders from across both McHenry and Kane County. The Village has also planned for rail transit by adopting Transit-Orientated Development Guidelines, which identifies potential station locations and provides a framework for all aspects of developing a station. Most importantly, the Village has the financial resources to make an Amtrak station a reality.

The Village of Huntley has a history of partnering with the Federal and State government to improve the regional transportation network. The Village understands the importance of these projects and takes a lead role in managing and contributing financially to the projects. This includes being the lead agency and committing \$6 million for the construction of a full interchange at Illinois Route 47 and Interstate 90 and investing over \$5.8 million to widen Illinois Route 47. We also look forward to the opportunity of being the municipality that provides a station for Amtrak service in McHenry County.

I would like to personally thank you, on behalf of the Village of Huntley, for your extraordinary efforts to re-establish Amtrak service through Northern Illinois. This is an exciting opportunity for the region and hopefully McHenry County. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (847) 669-9600 to discuss our dedication to this project.

Sincerely,



Charles Sass  
Village President