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To: City of Buffalo Train Station Site Selection Committee

From: Patrick J. Kaler, President & CEO

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Subject: Statement Regarding Potential New Train Station Locations in the City of Buffalo

Good Morning, I am Patrick Kaler, President and CEO of Visit Buffalo Niagara, which also includes the oversight of the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center and the Buffalo Niagara Sports Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before this distinguished body as you examine the options for the next site of the Buffalo rail station.

Transportation to, as well as in and around the Buffalo Niagara region is critically important to the over 8 million annual visitors to our destination, in addition to the hundreds of thousands of Buffalo and Erie County residents.

Accessibility, central location, safety, available rider amenities and ease of connectivity to the many and growing tourism assets and infrastructure of the region are paramount to the visitors who arrive in our destination for a meeting or convention, sporting event or a domestic or international leisure trip.

Visit Buffalo Niagara encourages this body to take these factors into consideration as you continue the process of relocating of the train station.

Thank you for your dedication and thoughtful consideration of this important transportation need for our community.

