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WASHINGTON, D.C.--June 1, 1989--The entire Kansas congressional delegation today urged the Interstate Commerce Commission to deny an application by Greyhound Lines, Inc. to abandon bus service on three routes serving 19 Kansas communities.

In a letter drafted by Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, the delegation urged ICC Chairman Heather J. Gradison to turn down Greyhound's application. "We oppose the discontinuation of this important service. We believe the ICC should review this case with careful regard for the negative implications of such abandonment for the travelling public within and around Kansas."

Signing the letter with Kassebaum were Sen. Bob Dole and Reps. Pat Roberts, Jim Slattery, Jan Meyers, Dan Glickman, and Bob Whittaker.

Greyhound filed its original request with the Kansas Corporation Commission in November, 1988. Greyhound is seeking approval to eliminate service along three routes serving 19 communities in southeast and north central Kansas. Twelve of those communities would be left without bus service of any kind if Greyhound is allowed to abandon the routes. The Kansas Corporation Commission denied the Greyhound request. However, the ICC has the authority to overrule the denial.

Calling it a matter of "great concern," the Kansas delegation urged the ICC to deny the application as well. "While profitability should be given consideration in this matter, in our view, the public interest and necessity should be given as much if not greater attention in your determination on maintaining this bus service," they wrote.

The letter is attached.

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