

United States Senate

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June 1, 1989

The Honorable Heather J. Gradison
Chairman
Interstate Commerce Commission
12th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Chairman Gradison:

We would like to call your attention to a matter which is of great concern to us and to the people of the state of Kansas. The issue is the application of Greyhound Lines, Inc., to abandon service on three routes serving nineteen Kansas communities. We oppose the discontinuation of this important service.

As the Interstate Commerce Commission is aware, this application was filed with and denied by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). According to the KCC, which has been in contact with our offices, its reasons for denying Greyhound's application were based on several factors, including the important consideration of public convenience and necessity. The governor of the state of Kansas, Mike Hayden, has also contacted the Kansas congressional delegation to indicate the strong public interest in Kansas for maintaining existing Greyhound service across the state.

We understand that the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 requires the ICC to evaluate abandonment applications according to two distinct criteria. If the party objecting to the abandonment (the KCC in this case) can demonstrate either that discontinuing bus service would be inconsistent with the public interest or that continuing the service would not constitute an unreasonable burden on interstate commerce, the ICC must deny the Exit Petition. Under a 1984 D.C. Circuit Court ruling, an affirmative finding under either criterion requires denial of the abandonment application.

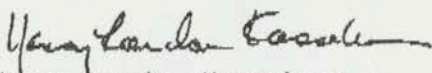
While profitability should be given careful consideration in this matter, in our view, the public interest and necessity should be given as much if not greater attention in your determination on maintaining this bus service. The KCC has submitted its views on the matter of revenue determination to the commission. In light of the widespread impact that Greyhound's extensive abandonments would have on connecting and adjacent routes, we urge the commission to give careful consideration to the KCC's claim in this regard. We believe the ICC should review this case with


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careful regard for the negative implications of such abandonment for the travelling public within and around Kansas.

Please keep us informed of any developments in this matter.

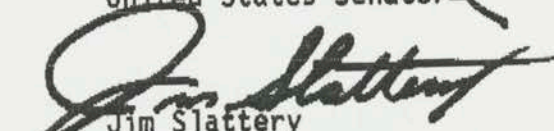
Sincerely,


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