

Chapman Scrap Metal
Recycling & Demolition

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Amit Bose, Acting Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose:

I am the owner of Chapman Scrap Metal Recycling and Demolition located in the North Country of New Hampshire. We are primarily engaged in demolition and the scrap metal industry. Currently, we employ approximately 15 people.

In addition to the demolition business, I own several properties throughout Coos County which have been acquired and redeveloped over the years in an effort to facilitate economic growth and job creation thorough the region. This includes the former Wausau Mill in Groveton, New Hampshire, which since my acquisition and thorough clean-up of the site, has secured several businesses representing more than 100 direct jobs.

On behalf of our company, I would like to express our strong support for the Vermont Agency Of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant application, "Tri-State Regional Rail Upgrade Project."

The St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad (SLR) is partnering with the states of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine on this grant project. The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS) is the lead applicant for the application. Matching funds are being provided by the states of ME and NH, as well as the SLR to make the project a true public-private partnership. This is the final work needed to complete the three-state modern heavy haul rail freight corridor and provide 286,000 lb. railcar weight capacity.

The SLR mainline will receive new welded rail, ties, and grade crossing repairs. This project will continue efforts by the SLR and the three states over many years to upgrade the SLR main line into a state of good repair, enhance safety, and allow fully loaded modern rail car shipments, which will support the current and future growth needs of our business.

I strongly support this grant application and the tremendous impact it will have on the region, including the potential to restore rail service to the Groveton Mill to provide reliable and safe shipping service for freight transportation and supply chain needs of existing and future business onsite.

I ask that you please give the application serious consideration for selection and award.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Chapman, President
Chapman Scrap Metal Recycling & Demolition