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To Whom It May Concern:

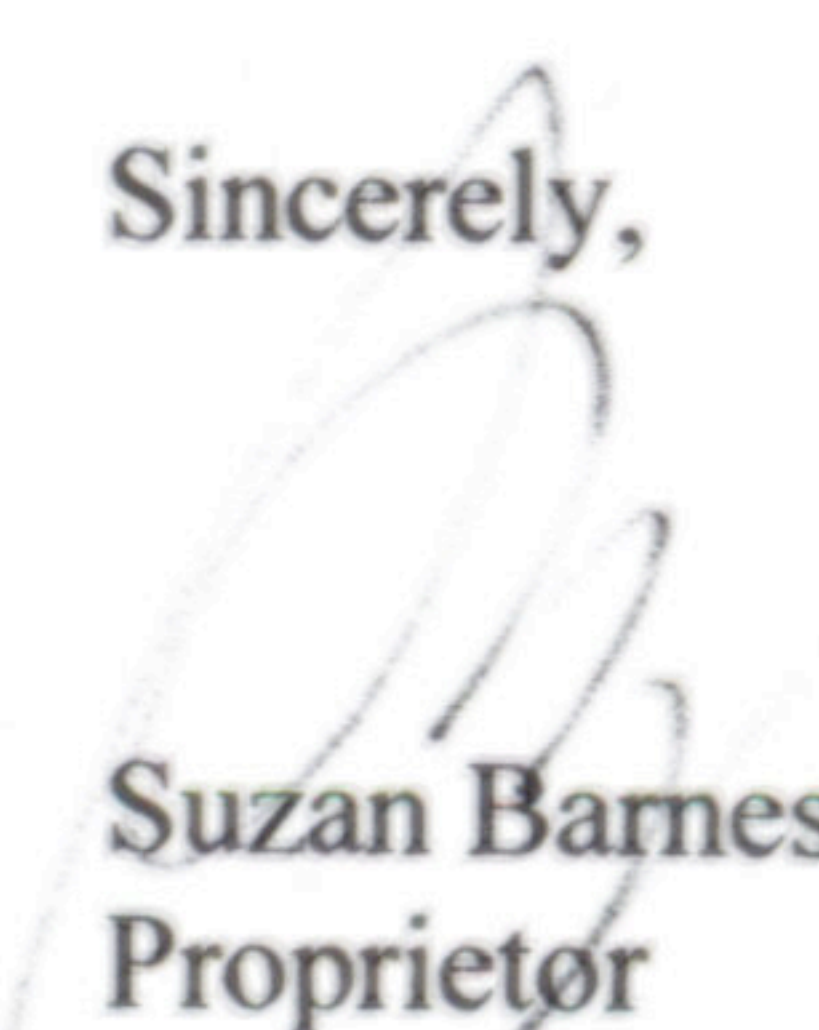
On behalf of the City of Strong City and Chase County, we urge you to consider our community as a stop for the Northern Flyer Passenger Rail system for Kansas. Our community is in the heart of the Flint Hills of Kansas – the last 3% of the remaining tallgrass prairie in North America. We have visitors from all over the United States and the World. I can't think of any other type of transportation that would be as unique as our Flint Hills. What a delightful addition to the passenger rail system this would be.

We have a small airport in Chase County. Frequently, we meet passengers at our airport and transport them to destinations in Chase County. We would welcome the opportunity to provide personal meet and greet service from the depot in Strong City.

We would truly appreciate your consideration of this request. As proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel, the only AAA Four Diamond Hotel/Restaurant in Kansas, I look forward to adding rail service to our community's added value.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Suzan Barnes, CTC
Proprietor