

Dear Ms. Gordon:

I was informed of your coalition and focus for preserving and enhancing the Algoma Central Railroad (ACR) passenger train. This correspondence is sent as a brief testimonial in support of your cause.

Our family has owned a camp along the ACR since the 1950s and take several trips per year north into your Country to vacation. We have the option of 4-wheeling into our camp or taking the ACR passenger train. The passenger train is certainly a value to us as a convenient way into our camp. There is also a direct economic benefit to Canada from the fares we spend for the passenger train. For instance on the trips our family has taken this year alone we have spent nearly \$1,000 in train fares to vacation at our camp. If we had selected to 4-wheel into our Camp, the amount of this \$1,000 spent in Canada would be zero (\$0).

As my kids get older, it is my hope to continue with the Father & Son tradition of a winter fishing trip into our Camp. If the ACR schedules are reduced, we would ultimately sled into Camp instead of using the ACR passenger train, and we would end up spending less money within Canada for our trip.

Our family enjoys our trips to Canada more than anywhere else and we want to support the ACR passenger train. Even with the significant increases in ACR fees that we have seen over the last years, we continue to use the ACR passenger train. The trip on the train is a very important part of our vacation experience and it is my hope that my kids will be able to continue the tradition in the future.

On another note, when the Searchmont Station was open, we would travel there to catch the train. This also resulted in more ancillary spending in Canada because we would have breakfast on the way and would always stop at the Trading Post to buy stuff. Unfortunately for Searchmont, this is no longer an option. This part of our vacation is definitely missed by us.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Kevin Sagasser,