

February 6, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

On October 26th, 2019 seven Pine Valley people attended a community meeting organized by the Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates (AORTA). The purpose of the meeting was to encourage communities to advocate for the reinstatement of passenger rail service to NE Oregon. This was the inspiration for this petition, as a way to let our state representatives know that we in the Panhandle region of Baker County want this to happen.

Spring Bartlett and Judith Fisher started the petition, and have since been working with a newly formed group Panhandle for Climate Change Awareness (PCCA) gathering signatures. We have 323 signatures. We also have AORTA's permission to use their name.

We are asking our Halfway City Council to pass a resolution to officially endorse passenger rail service. We plan to present to the Baker County Commission to request their endorsement, as well. Then, we will send it to all state legislators, Governor Kate Brown, Senator Merkley's field representative Jessica Keys in Baker City and AORTA.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Spring Bartlett

Judith Fisher

AORTA