



August 20, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

Illinois restaurants are a vital part of our state's economy. Restaurants depend on guests coming to eat and a significant portion of those are tourists to our state. Anything our governments can do to make it easier for tourists to come into Illinois – and for people within Illinois to have easy access to other parts of our great state – will benefit restaurants. Better passenger train service, from the suburbs to the city, throughout the region, and throughout the entire Midwest, is good for the restaurant business because it makes travel to restaurants easier and cheaper for our guests.

That's why the Illinois Restaurant Association supports CrossRail Chicago to improve and modernize passenger train service in Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, which appears to read "Sam Toia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Sam Toia
President & CEO
Illinois Restaurant Association