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**Senate Committee on Public Benefit and Regulatory Reform  
Senate Bill 251  
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Thank you Chair Kapenga for scheduling Senate Bill 251 (SB 251) a public hearing, and thank you committee members for attention to SB 251. SB 251 clarifies the terms of office of members of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission.

The Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission is comprised of four residents of each member state. Two of the members are appointed by the legislature; one by the Speaker of the Assembly and one by the President of the Senate.

According to the compact adopted by the member states, each member of the commission serves a two year term or until a successor is appointed. According to our state statutes directing the appointment of members, each member is to serve a two year term. SB 251 rectifies our state statutes with the language of the compact by clarifying the members serve a two year term or until a successor is appointed.

I ask the committee approve SB 251. Thank you for your attention.