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Restoring Your Railway Team,  
Department for Transport,  
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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Beverley-York Rail Reinstatement**

As Member of Parliament for York Central, I am pleased to lend my support to this bid to reinstate the rail line between Beverley and York.

Reinstating this stretch of line would give my constituents better connectivity with shorter and more frequent journey times into Hull for business, leisure and tourism, and easier access to beautiful, historic market towns in the Yorkshire Wolds. As well as boosting tourism along the route, it would open up more job opportunities for my constituents and increase access to education and health services by linking together the two vibrant university cities of York and Hull.

Reinstating this line could also tie in with work underway to bring back a station in Haxby on the outskirts of York, which would serve its population of over 23,000. The station would lie on the York-Scarborough line, but placing it on a new York-Hull line would provide improved east-west, as well as north-south, connectivity. This would reduce traffic along the already-congested A1079, which is likely to increase in the coming years given projected housing growth.

Good public transport improves our environment, prevents congestion on our roads and supports our communities. Building capacity, connectivity and reliability are key to this, and must be at the heart of our railway system. It is essential we see people moving from their cars on to our rail network to secure modal shift, and I believe this project offers an important step towards that.

I look forward to seeing this project progress and I hope that this supporting letter is useful in demonstrating the cross-party support that exists for this proposal.

Yours sincerely,  
Rachael

Rachael Maskell  
MP for York Central