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Letter: Sign petition, help win Q-C to Chicago Amtrak service

I am writing in regards to the exciting possibility of having an Amtrak station here in the Quad-Cities. Not only are the Illinois Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce and Amtrak making a route feasibility report for a route between the Quad-Cities and Chicago; another is being made for a route between the Q-C and Iowa City.

I recently signed the online petition at www.quadcitieschamber.com/qcrail, helping to make this service closer to being a reality. I fully support this because I love to go to Chicago with my friends. It is the perfect little adventure for my tight college-student budget. My favorite activities are seeing the Broadway shows and going to the Art Institute Museum to say hello to my favorite Renoir paintings and Buddha sculptures.

By having a direct train route to Chicago from here, there would be no hassle -- or extra cost -- of driving to the Amtrak station in Galesburg or Princeton. That would be a load off for me.

So please join the effort by writing to one of your Illinois legislators, asking them to make this a top priority in the capital funding bill and by signing the online petition.

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