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Governor Jared Polis  
Office of the Governor  
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### **SB25-052 Railroad Investigative Report Confidentiality**

Dear Governor Polis,

Greater Denver Transit (GDT) is in a **SUPPORT** position on **SB25-052 Railroad Investigative Report Confidentiality**, and requests that you sign this critically important bill when it comes before you.

Colorado has the most restrictive statute in the nation governing light rail accident investigation confidentiality; requiring that all light rail accident investigations be fully confidential. This jeopardizes public safety as it means the Federal Transit Administration, light rail industry employees, the press, and members of the public cannot access the results of light rail accident investigations from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

SB25-052 paves the way to making all accident investigation reports public, but still does allow for confidentiality in a narrow set of circumstances where it may be in the public interest to do so. In so doing, SB25-052 brings Colorado in line with nationwide standards on light rail accident investigation transparency, allowing the Regional Transportation District and the PUC to promptly publish key facts about an incident, and requiring a published final report, thus reducing confusion and misinformation through transparent and thorough investigation practices. This is essential so that the full range of safety lessons can be learned and passed on, preventing future incidents.

As GDT fully supports the Railroad Investigative Report Confidentiality Bill passed by the Colorado State Legislature, we encourage you to sign it so it may become law.

Thanks for all you do,



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