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Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding Northwestern University's plan to redevelop Ryan Stadium on Evanston's near northside. While the proposal is expected to decrease the current annual sporting event attendee numbers slightly, it is expected to increase activity in the area due to non-sporting events on an additional six (6) evenings per year. The development is expected to bring additional employment and economic activity to the surrounding community.

In the past the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) has, subject to capacity constraints, enhanced its service on days where high volume events are expected to lead to an increase in ridership. We are committed to working with Northwestern University and their consultant team to ascertain how potential expanded transit can support the anticipated need on days when the facility would be in operation. Further, we are excited to support this effort and have experience with these types of additional train ramp up with our current baseball season partnerships supporting both baseball teams and rail stops near US Cellular Field and Wrigley Field.

We look forward to continued discussions with the university's project team and local stakeholders to ensure that transit use is a critical asset to the Ryan Field redevelopment proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Barreto".

Denise Barreto
Chief Equity and Engagement Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Connelly".

Michael Connelly
Chief Planning Officer