Dear Friend:

We are all living through challenging times. The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania was one of the first world-class facilities to close due to COVID-19 in March of this year and, at this writing, there is no re-opening date set. This puts the non-profit Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania at great risk. We need your help!

The Friends have actively provided invaluable support to the Museum since the organization’s inception in 1983, with significant finances, a vital workforce — paid staff and volunteers — important library and archival resources, crucial restoration projects and dynamic educational programs, events and exhibits. However, with the Museum closed, revenue for the Friends is at a virtual standstill, with the organization’s operating costs and the status of Friends paid staff now in jeopardy. Will you help sustain the Friends at this time?

Losing key Friends staff — which comprise over half of the expert and highly skilled talent working in visitor services, restoration/preservation, volunteer/programming, advancement/administration and the Museum store — also threatens the operation of the Museum when it finally reopens to the public, and would force many projects and services to grind to a halt. Visitors, members, volunteers, staff, advocates and the community all want nothing more than to have the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania reopen and return to saving the trains and educating the public about the great history of railroading. The Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is an integral part of fulfilling this mission, and so are you!

Please forward your tax deductible gift to the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania’s All Aboard 2020 annual fund, and designate your contribution for wherever the need is greatest, in order to help keep the Museum team intact and moving forward to better days. If your employer participates in a matching program, please make use of that opportunity to enhance your donation.

You may use the enclosed envelope or go conveniently and securely online with your contribution at https://rrmuseumpa.org/giving/.

We truly value every gift of any amount. Thank you, as always, for your support! Stay well.

Sincerely,

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