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To whom it concerns,

As a business owner and advocate for highlighting social and rural isolation, I strongly welcome and support Objectives 115 (a) and 115 (b) of the draft RSES Report which refer specifically to the re-opening of the Western Rail Corridor from Claremorris to Athenry and northwards from Claremorris to Sligo. I believe the redevelopment of this infrastructure to be vital for the future of the West of Ireland both from an economic and environmental perspective.

It would open up the whole western corridor from a tourism prospective, our transport system is not up to European standard and rural transport is very poor. It would take traffic off the roads giving those commuting for work or students working more viable options.

Given our aging population and the location of the Health Centre of Excellence in Galway, it is particularly vital that we have the infrastructure in place to protect the local population and afford those living with illnesses and disabilities a quality of life.

Kind regards

Carmel Geoghegan

Business owner and community activist.

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