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Dear Ms. Silver,

Thank you very much for calling me back! I am honored to be given the opportunity to participate in your meeting.

In the 1970's, while working for HUD, my father wrote a book specifically focused on employment of the black community. Most jobs at the time were given word of mouth and were located in the suburbs. At the time, city transportation was so inefficient that the people who worked would spend a considerable amount of their day getting there and back. Transportation caused tremendous strains on family in terms of spending time with each other, time for relaxation, and cost of getting to and from work.

In 2019 we are in a similar quandary. Most of today's jobs in the Bay are located in the city of San Francisco, far from where the working class are located. They often travel 3 hours or more per day to get here. How do I know this? I have worked in schools as social worker for 12 years in the city. I'm sure you are all aware of this, but we need better alternatives for more rapid transportation into the city. I'm not an expert on trains, but there are probably trains that move faster than the snails we ride on daily that could get folk coming from far away to work every day.

If I could participate in a more significant way, please don't hesitate.

Thanks!
Philip