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**STATEMENT FROM THE CIVIC COMMITTEE ON TOM KOTARAC'S CONFIRMATION TO SERVE
ON THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD**

The Civic Committee congratulates our Senior Vice President of Transportation and Infrastructure Tom Kotarac on being named to the new Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) board and thanks County Board President Preckwinkle for the nomination. NITA's landmark passage was a critical step toward delivering the safe, clean, fast, and reliable transit system that workers, businesses, students, visitors, and residents across our region deserve. Kotarac's decades of experience and leadership—alongside that of his fellow board members—will help ensure that momentum continues as the act is implemented in the years ahead. Our organizations have long advocated for the kind of meaningful structural change and cross-sector, cross-agency collaboration NITA will continue to usher in. We are encouraged to know the future of our region's transportation system is in such capable hands.