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Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Notice of Intent to Participate in Public Hearing
Docket No. FD 36496 – *Application of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation*
Under 49 U.S.C. § 24308(e) – CSX Transp., Inc. and Norfolk Southern Ry. Co.

Dear Ms. Brown:

The United States Department of Transportation (Department or DOT) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), an operating administration of DOT, intend to participate in the first phase of the Board's public hearing in this matter, scheduled for February 15, 2022. Consistent with DOT's Motion to the Board filed on January 25, 2022, FRA Administrator Amitabha Bose plans to appear to make a statement on behalf of DOT and FRA, and respectfully requests ten (10) minutes to address the Board.

Administrator Bose's statement will address how the prompt restoration of Amtrak trains to the Gulf Coast will help to serve key Administration priorities in enhancing passenger rail service, and will also provide details on the Department's efforts and investments over the past several years aimed at bringing this service back to the region. In addition, Administrator Bose anticipates highlighting some of the principles discussed in DOT's previous filings about the importance of a transparent and expeditious process to resolve cases of this kind.

Thank you for your assistance. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

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