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Mrs. Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief  
Section of Administration  
Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
Washington DC, 20423-001

Re. FD 36472: CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc.—Control and Merger —Pan-Am Systems Inc.

Dear Mrs. Brown,

We write to request that CSX Transportation's purchase of Pan-Am Railways be classified as a significant transaction.

The acquisition of Pan-Am Railways by CSX Transportation will significantly impact a number of regional interests, especially local communities in central and western Massachusetts. With the purchase of Pan-Am Railways, CSX will not only be expanding operations across the Commonwealth, it will also begin operating across three additional states in the New England region. While the STB's procedures for a significant transaction provide additional time for interested parties to address the impacts of this purchase, and for the STB to reach a decision and impose any necessary conditions, these procedures are still accommodating to CSX. A purchase of this significance must consider the implications for all parties and the impact it will have on local residents.

In Massachusetts, this purchase will greatly affect transit activity in local communities, including impacts on the T-System in the Greater Boston area. Furthermore, there are a host of environmental effects that must also be taken into consideration when evaluating the scope of this purchase. Most notably, with the procurement of Pan-Am Railways, CSX Transportation will increase operations over the Wachusett Reservoir. As the second largest body of water in the state, the reservoir serves as one of the three unfiltered sources of high-quality water for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority water supply system. The effects of this acquisition are far reaching, and that is why we respectfully request that the Surface Transportation Board consider classifying this as a significant transaction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We ask for your full and careful consideration to this request.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Neal  
Member of Congress



Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senator



Edward J. Markey  
United States Senator



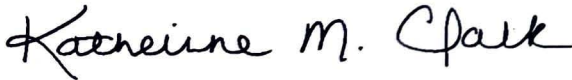
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