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Re: Docket No. FD 36496

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to participate in the public hearing on February 15, 2022, regarding docket No. FD 36496.

I am the Director of Economic Development in Streetsboro Ohio and a passenger rail supporter.

As it relates to the NOLA to AL Amtrak expansion, I fear that blocking this critical first expansion jeopardies all other proposed expansions throughout the country. I am commenting from Mentor, Ohio which is committed to and depending on expanded rail service to our NE Ohio Region.

We know this expansion will improve traffic and our environment, increase worker productivity and drive economic expansion. I will add, Amtrak's investment in expanded routes and service will create skilled labor jobs in our communities.

Sincerely,

Patrick O'Malia