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Re: Gulf Coast Passenger Service Between New Orleans and Mobile
STB Finance Docket No. 36496

Dear Surface Transportation Board Members:

The Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to educating the public through the research, analysis and dissemination of information on the government's effects on the economy. I am writing to you today to express my desire to participate in the hearings on FD 36496 that will take place on February 15-16, 2022.

I would like to request three to five minutes to speak on the potential risk to taxpayers caused by the creation of an Amtrak route from New Orleans to Mobile. In short, my testimony will discuss Amtrak's existing lack of profitability and the lack of necessary infrastructure improvements in place to sustain such a route without adversely impacting American freight rail in the Gulf Coast region.

Respectfully submitted,

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