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Ms. Cynthia Brown
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Re: Docket No. FD 36472, *CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc.—Control and Merger—Pan Am Systems, Inc.*

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing regarding the proposed transaction between CSX Transportation, Inc. and Pan Am Systems, Inc. (Pan Am) and its subsidiaries. Subject to the execution of a settlement agreement between CSX and the Maine Department of Transportation, I support the proposed acquisition and ask the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to grant approval pursuant to the STB's regulations and policies.

The transaction contemplated between CSX and Pan Am has the potential to bring significant benefits to Maine. Many Maine businesses rely on rail traffic to deliver raw materials and transport products. If the transaction is approved, CSX has indicated that it will make upgrades to track and locomotives to provide improved service, extend positive train control on certain Amtrak *Downeaster* lines, and make other improvements to the rail network.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator