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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Docket No. FD 36472, *CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc. – Control and Merger – Pan Am Systems, Inc., et al.*

Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing to express my support of CSX Transportation, Inc.'s application to the Surface Transportation Board for the authority to acquire nearly 1,200 miles of rail network in New England from Pan Am Systems, Inc. This transaction would be beneficial to New Hampshire because it would provide a continuous, single-line rail service and provide additional resources to market the line with the potential to bring additional freight service to New England markets.

Some of the benefits of single-line rail service include less switching and interchange and the elimination of the need to hand-off between separate rail carriers, creating efficiencies, reducing the margin for error, and enhancing consistency. The ability to create more opportunity for freight service in New Hampshire could possibly take additional trucks off the road which would be beneficial for both the economy and the environment.

From our discussions with representatives from CSX, we anticipate that this transaction will also be beneficial to the State of New Hampshire because they will bring financial resources to the table for much needed infrastructure improvements throughout Pan Am's rail network operating in New Hampshire and honor all agreements with shippers, licensees, and other entities that may also operate on the line in the future. CSX will also partner with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation so that road, bridge and railroad crossing projects can be completed in a timely manner as well as work cooperatively with railroads operating on our State-owned lines that currently interchange with Pan Am.

It is my hope the Board will give consideration to CSX's application, this transaction, and the needs of the State of New Hampshire throughout the filing process. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor