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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, Southwest
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RE: Commonwealth of Virginia Acquisition and Operation of Certain Assets of CSX
Transportation in Washington, DC and Virginia, STB Docket No. FD 36441

Dear Commissioners:

We write in support of the Commonwealth of Virginia's petition and motion before the Surface Transportation Board, Finance Docket No. 36441. As you are aware, the Commonwealth and CSX Transportation (CSXT) reached an agreement for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to acquire a portion of CSXT's rail line from Washington, DC to Petersburg, VA, with the purpose to increase freight and passenger rail network capacity along the congested I-95 corridor.

The Commonwealth plans to construct rail improvements over the next decade and beyond, eventually enabling a separation of freight and passenger service that would improve both the freight and passenger network. As part of the agreement CSXT and Virginia agreed to double Amtrak intercity trains and increase Virginia Railway Express passenger service by over sixty percent, which would help ease congestion along this corridor, encourage continued economic growth, and reduce emissions in the region.

We appreciate your prompt consideration of the motion and petition by the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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Mark R. Warner
United States Senator

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Tim Kaine
United States Senator

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Donald S. Beyer Jr.
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