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Mrs. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief
Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
Washington DC, 20423-001

RE: FD 36472

CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc.—Control and Merger — Pan-Am Systems Inc., et al.

Dear Ms. Brown:

We write to you today as parties of interest in the proposed acquisition of Pan-Am Systems Inc. by CSX Transportation, Inc. As elected officials of the numerous communities directly affected by this acquisition, we urge you to incorporate our concerns related to the significant impact this potential transaction will have on our communities and the Commonwealth as a whole.

We believe that the transaction should be classified as 'Significant'. It is a potential acquisition involving one of the largest Class I railroads in the United States and the largest Class II railroad in the United States. As a result, the process must be deliberate and include the impacted communities in the process. It is not a minor transaction and proper classification allows broader input and consideration.

There are several factors that lead us to take pause before proceeding further with any transaction and ask that a higher level of scrutiny be involved in reviewing this acquisition. Not only would this acquisition lead to a consolidation of railroads controlled by CSX within the Commonwealth, but it could affect the future of passenger rail in the region and will also impact upwards of 500 employees with no guarantee of employment after the acquisition is completed. The future of these employees livelihoods would be at the sole discretion of CSX.

For these reasons, we feel that it is imperative that the Surface Transportation Board classify this as a Significant Transaction, which will allow for more time in order to fully examine the impacts this sale will have on our communities.

Sincerely,



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Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden



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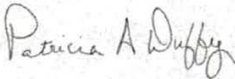
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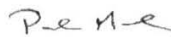
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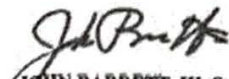
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