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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 36472CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation Inc. – Control and
Merger – Pan Am Systems Inc., et al

Dear Ms. Brown,

I am Ron Turmel, President of the Smaller Manufacturers Association of CT Inc (SMA), a manufacturing trade association in Connecticut who represents 176 member companies across the state. We are writing in support of the merger of the Springfield Terminal Railroad Company with CSX Transportation (CSXT) which will expand the single line railroad service for many of our manufacturing members.

We are showing support of the merger as it will make for improved service for many manufacturers who rely on the investment of infrastructure to make transportation of their products more efficient and cost effective. The SMA is committed to supporting our members and offer ways for them to explore an improved supply chain thereby giving our member companies a way to grow their business and enhance competitiveness.

The SMA supports the proposed merger and request the Board approves the acquisition of Pan Am Systems and its subsidiaries by CSXT.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald Turmel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ronald Turmel, President
Smaller Manufacturers Association of CT, Inc.