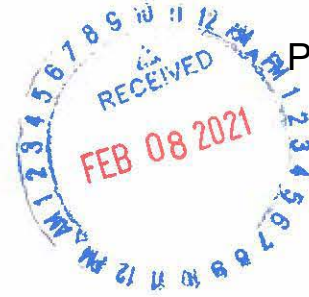




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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

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

Dear Ms. Brown:

We are writing to support the application by CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc. (collectively "CSX") filed with the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") for authority to acquire Pan Am Systems, Inc. and its railroad subsidiaries, including its operating subsidiary, the Springfield Terminal Railroad Company ("Springfield Terminal").

The Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce is committed to facilitating the growth of business in Central Massachusetts. New solutions for safe and reliable transportation for our members are important to the ability of our members to continue to grow and expand their market reach. Freight railroads play a vital role in connecting U.S. businesses, large and small, to markets around the world. They are the lifeblood for many of our communities.

According to the application submitted by CSX, its proposed acquisition will enhance the competitiveness of the Springfield Terminal. The merger offers the opportunity for single-line service to and from locations on 20,000 miles of the CSX rail system and over 1,200 miles operated by Springfield Terminal. Single-line CSX service offers best-in-class service with new standards of service performance with higher velocity, faster equipment turns, and greater consistency. CSX will also enhance competition through lower costs, better service and improved access to the rail network in the eastern United States.

We support this proposed acquisition and believe our members will benefit from its adoption. We respectfully ask the Board to give CSX's request its full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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