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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 the President and CEO of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (“CBIA”), the largest business association in Connecticut and one of the largest in the country. CBIA has been in existence for 206 years and has a broad membership across a variety of industry sectors. We are very familiar with the Springfield Terminal Railroad Company (“Springfield Terminal”) and fully support its merger into CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) as this will greatly expand the single-line railroad services.

CSXT has been the gold standard for higher velocity, faster equipment turns, and greater consistency in the market and the merger of Springfield Terminal will bring a critical infrastructure investment that will revolutionize the current single line. The expected enhanced competitiveness through lower costs, better service and improved access to the North America rail network will elevate the region into the 21st century.

CBIA fully supports the proposed merger and requests that the Board expeditiously approve the acquisition of Pan Am Systems and its subsidiaries by CSXT.

Sincerely,

Chris DiPentima

