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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of 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:

I am writing to express my support of CSX Transportation, Inc.'s application to the Surface Transportation Board for the authority to acquire nearly one thousand, two hundred miles of rail network in New England from Pan Am Systems, Inc. The single-line rail service would involve less switching and interchange and also the benefit of eliminating the need to hand-off between separate rail carriers, creating efficiencies, reducing the margin for error, and enhancing consistency. Further, the ability to create more opportunity for freight service might take additional trucks off the road thereby enhancing safety and efficiency.

This transaction would be beneficial to Mechanicville because it would provide a continuous, single-line rail service and provide additional resources to promote the line and possibly bring additional freight service to our area. I anticipate that this transaction will also benefit Mechanicville in that it will enable financial resources for much needed infrastructure improvements throughout Pan Am's rail network.

It is my hope that the Board will give consideration to CSX's application, this transaction, and the needs of the City of Mechanicville throughout the filing process. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding the above matter.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Baker
Mayor