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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: **STB Docket No. FD 36472, CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., et al.—
Control and Merger—Pan Am Systems, Inc., Pan Am Railways, Inc., Boston and
Maine Corporation, Maine Central Railroad Company, Northern Railroad, Pan Am
Southern LLC, Portland Terminal Company, Springfield Terminal Railway
Company, Stony Brook Railroad Company, and Vermont & Massachusetts
Railroad Company**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed please find a letter in support of the Application filed in the above-referenced matter from the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA).

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anthony J. LaRocca

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Enclosures

cc: Louis E. Gitomer; All parties of record



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Ms. Cynthia Brown, Chief
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Re: CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., et al. –
Control and Merger – Pan Am Systems, Inc., et al.
Surface Transportation Board Docket No. FD 36472

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA), I write to express support for the proposed transaction between CSX Transportation, Inc. and Pan Am Systems, Inc. and its subsidiaries, subject to a letter agreement dated August 3, 2021 between CSX and NNEPRA.

As the State Sponsor of the Amtrak Downeaster, which operates over approximately 106 miles of railroad to be controlled by CSX if this transaction is approved, NNEPRA expects to maintain strong and productive working relationships with the host railroad. Consistent with that expectation, NNEPRA and CSX already have worked collaboratively to address, in their letter agreement, a number of issues that are important to NNEPRA, and NNEPRA looks forward to continuing to work with CSX in a similar manner in the future.

This transaction, and the physical and operational improvements CSX has indicated it will make, has the potential not only to sustain and enhance the safe operation of passenger and freight rail service in Maine and New Hampshire, but also to preserve and protect the substantial financial investments which have enabled NNEPRA and its partners to achieve success to date and set the stage for even greater economic opportunities and public benefits in the future.

For all these reasons, NNEPRA supports the proposed transaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patricia Quinn".

Patricia Quinn
Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused this Letter in Docket No. FD-36472, *CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc.—Control and Merger—Pan Am Systems, Inc., Pan Am Railways, Inc., Boston and Maine Corporation, Maine Central Railroad Company, Northern Railroad, Pan Am Southern LLC, Portland Terminal Company, Springfield Terminal Railway Company, Stony Brook Railroad Company, and Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad Company*, to be served electronically or by first class mail, postage pre-paid, on all parties of record in this proceeding.

/s/ Sally Mordi

Sally Mordi
*Attorney for CSX Corporation and
CSX Transportation, Inc.*

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