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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 Former Massachusetts State Representatives Kevin and Elizabeth Poirier.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anthony J. LaRocca

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Enclosures

cc: Louis E. Gitomer; All parties of record

September 23, 2021

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration Office of Proceedings
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395 E Street, SW
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Dear Ms. Brown,

We write in support of CSX Transportation Inc.'s proposed acquisition of Pan Am Systems Inc. and its subsidiaries, which is currently under consideration by the Surface Transportation Board. The merger, if approved, will provide tremendous economic development benefits for our region, improving business operations and increasing competition in the freight rail industry.

In our combined 40 years of public service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we have always sought opportunities to better the quality of life for our constituents. A perfect example of said opportunities is the proposed transaction before you, which is why we are pleased to join the growing number of supporters who also see the benefits of increasing CSX's footprint in New England.

From an economic standpoint, CSX's proposed acquisition of Pan Am will facilitate an influx of capital to maintain and modernize a rail network that desperately needs it. As a result, freight and passenger rail operations will be more efficient for both businesses and commuters. This increased efficiency will boost competition in the freight space, ultimately lowering prices for businesses whose operations rely on transporting goods and products via rail.

The environmental benefits of the merger are also noteworthy. There is no disputing that moving freight on rail is more sustainable than on trucks. CSX, the most efficient freight rail company in America, can move one ton of freight 492 miles on a single gallon of fuel. This is three to four times more efficient than shipping via truck. Given that CSX is committing to upgrading Pan Am's existing aging locomotives, sustainability and efficiency will only increase if the transaction is approved.

For these reasons and more, we fully support the proposed merger and urge the Board to give it full consideration and approval. Public servants should encourage private investment and save taxpayer dollars whenever possible.

Sincerely,

Kevin and Elizabeth Poirier

Former State Representatives Kevin and Elizabeth Poirier

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

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

September 24, 2021