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The Honorable Chris Pappas
319 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Pappas,

Thank you for your letter regarding CSX Corporation—Control & Merger—Pan Am Systems, Inc., Docket No. FD 36472. We appreciate your apprising us about the merger-related concerns raised by residents of the Islington Creek neighborhood in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

As you may be aware, on July 1, 2021, the applicants in this proceeding filed a revised merger application, which was accepted as complete by the Board on July 30. The Board's decision established a procedural schedule for the proceeding, including deadlines for additional filings by the applicants, a period for public comment on the transportation merits as well as a period for environmental comments, and a deadline for a final Board decision. A number of interested parties have since filed comments with the Board. On October 18, 2021, Applicants filed their Response to Comments and Requests for Conditions and Rebuttal in Support of their Application. Final briefs are due January 3, 2022 and a public hearing is planned for January 13, 2022. The Board expects to issue a final decision by April 1, 2022.

Because this case is pending, we cannot comment further. However, please be assured that the Board will fully consider all filings and submissions in this proceeding. A copy of your letter and this response has been placed in the public docket. If you or your staff have any further questions, please contact us or Ms. Janie Sheng, Acting Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

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