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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 Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Massachusetts State Representative.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anthony J. LaRocca

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Enclosures

cc: Louis E. Gitomer; All parties of record



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept my gratitude for the robust and deliberate process that you have applied to the proposed CSX/Pan Am rail merger.

As a legislator representing western Massachusetts' citizens and businesses, I am interested in and in strong support of actions that will enhance sustainable investments in rail transportation for both passenger and commercial freight needs. The past few years have been particularly instructive in pointing to the need for rail investment that decarbonizes the rail component of our transportation sector and that eases problematic existing supply chain constraints.

I understand that CSX is the most fuel-efficient freight rail carrier in the United States, moving, on average, one ton of freight 533 miles on a single gallon of fuel. This is three to four times more efficient than shipping via trucks on interstate and local highways. I believe it is that kind of commitment and result that will leverage a better outcome for our rail system in the future.

I urge that your pending review emphasize the importance and benefits of sustained investment that modernizes and decarbonizes our rail system so that the congestion and emissions created by large vehicular traffic on our highways is mitigated.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of my comments, and please contact me directly should you want to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.", written over a faint circular stamp.

ANGELO J. PUPPOLO, JR.

State Representative
Chair, Joint Committee on Export Development

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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