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Cynthia T. Brown
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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:

Pursuant to the Board's decision served on December 10, 2021 in the above-referenced proceeding, the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority ("NNEPRA") hereby gives notice that Ms. Patricia Quinn, Executive Director of NNEPRA, intends to participate in the public hearing scheduled for January 13, 2022. NNEPRA requests that Ms. Quinn be allowed 5 minutes to address the Board. Ms. Quinn intends to address NNEPRA's role in the Amtrak Downeaster passenger rail service and the associated host railroad relationships; NNEPRA-sponsored public investments made in the Pan Am Railways infrastructure over which the Downeaster service operates; the benefits of the proposed transaction to NNEPRA; and commitments made by CSX Transportation, Inc. regarding the Downeaster service, including commitments made in connection with the installation of Positive Train Control.

Respectfully sub it

Patricia Quinn
Executive Director
Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority