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

Re: Gulf Coast Passenger Service Between New Orleans and Mobile
STB Finance Docket No. 36496

Dear Ms. Brown:

My name is Gregg Baxter and I am Director of Developing Markets with Herzog Contracting Corp. Herzog is a leading rail and heavy/highway contractor across North America.

I am filing this notice of my intent to participate in the February 15, 2022 Gulf Coast hearing before the Board on behalf of Herzog. I request 10 minutes of speaking time. My testimony will cover the following key points:

1. Herzog is a private rail operator and possess all the capabilities to operate passenger trains.
2. Introducing competition to the intercity rail market would provide enormous benefits and advancements to passenger rail in the United States.
3. The current 50+ year old model for providing intercity services needs to be modernized and reflective of today's business and operating environment.
4. Commercially negotiated agreements amongst all stakeholders is key for successful growth of passenger rail.
5. It was the intent of Congress and the current administration to promote competition in passenger rail.

I have provided my email address to the Board at Hearings@stb.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gregg Baxter

Gregg Baxter
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