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Re: Request to speak at February 15/16 hearing on Docket FD 36496

The Family Business Coalition (FBC) wishes to speak at the hearing on February 15 & 16, 2022. FBC will be represented by Alex Ayers, Executive Director. I have a conflict in the afternoon of February 16th starting at 1pm, I request that I be scheduled to speak either on February 15th or prior to 1pm on the 16th.

I will speak for five minutes on the impact of additional passenger rail traffic on supply chain delays of goods transported through the region. The passenger rail service on the current rail network would severely impact freight traffic in the region and further slow the delivery of goods by adding four new trains per day across the region. Passenger and freight traffic could be accommodated if infrastructure improvements are made, and the STB should require infrastructure improvements before passenger service can be approved.

Best,

Alex Ayers
Executive Director
Family Business Coalition