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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chair
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. FD 36496, Application of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation Under 49 U.S.C. § 24308(e)—CSX Transportation, Inc., & Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Dear Chairman Oberman:

The Alabama State Port Authority would like to thank the Board for granting Party status to our Terminal Railway (TASD) division. We also applaud the Board's holding public comment hearings that allowed interested parties to provide their points of view in this matter. While Brian Harold of APM Terminals and Chris Curry from the Mobile Airport Authority shared Mobile's multimodal story well; we respectfully offer that nothing can replace seeing our operations in person. We were particularly pleased to hear of your interest in visiting Mobile to see first-hand rail operations. On that note, the Port and its board of directors cordially extend an invitation to you and the members of the Board to visit the Port of Mobile and experience our rail operations as part of the evidentiary proceedings. We are happy to extend this same invitation to all parties in the proceeding. We firmly think this field trip could be useful in a negotiated path forward.

In addition to being one of the key economic drivers for the state of Alabama, we are one of the most diverse ports in the United States. The Port of Mobile is a fluid, high growth U.S. gateway servicing supply chains across North America. Additionally, our class I and regional railroads utilize the TASD's switchyard to deliver to the CSX to provide those shippers access to their domestic Gulf Coast customers. Considering the complexity of our rail services, the Port must consider passenger rail service impacts to commerce, both domestically and internationally.

It would be our pleasure to show you and your colleagues how we work with host rail, shippers, and stakeholders to judiciously utilize our resources and to maximize utilization of the 5.1 miles of waterfront the Port of Mobile has been using to grow Alabama and the nation's commerce for the last 95 years.

Sincerely,

John C. Driscoll
Director and Chief Executive Officer

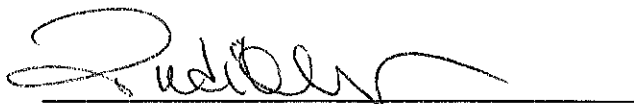
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I certify that I have, on March 8, 2022, served copies of this Petition for Reconsideration on all parties of record in this proceeding.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith Adams", is written over a horizontal line.

Judith Adams

Vice President, Internal / External Affairs

Alabama State Port Authority