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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: *Application of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation under 49 U.S.C. § 24308(e) – CSX Transportation, Inc., and Norfolk Southern Railway Company, FD 36496*

Dear Ms. Brown:

As our nation continues to struggle with an unprecedented supply chain crisis, we are writing to request that the Surface Transportation Board not grant Amtrak's application for an order compelling CSXT Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) to provide Amtrak access to CSXT and NSR facilities to commence passenger rail service between New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mobile, Alabama, on Amtrak's terms, which include no infrastructure mitigation measures.

The Port of Mobile is a valuable piece of the global supply chain and plays a significant economic role, generating \$25.5 billion in annual economic output and supporting nearly 161,000 jobs. Delays and added congestion will equate to customer dissatisfaction, increased costs to shippers and adverse impact on business competitiveness across the state.

Mobile's business community is united in asking the STB not to grant Amtrak's application to commence passenger rail service between New Orleans and Mobile without an appropriate freight mobility study that accounts for the freight service disruption it would cause. Doing so will adversely impact the Port of Mobile and ultimately harm our region's productivity, global competitiveness and quality of life.

Respectfully submitted,

1. Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
2. Chickasaw Container Services
3. China Doll/Dixie Lily Foods
4. Cowles, Murphy, Glover &
Association, Inc.
5. First Four Staffing
6. Goldstein Jewelers
7. Gulf City Equipment
8. Hall-Namie Packing Co. Inc
9. Hawthorne Residential Partners
10. I.I.M.S., Inc DBA Independent
Inspection & Management Services
11. JJPR
12. John Howard Companies
13. Kleinschrodt Cabinets of Mobile, Inc
14. Longleaf Chemdry
15. Lyon Fry Cadden Insurance Agency
16. Magnolia Mortgage Co., LLC
17. MB Greene Pack Well
18. Meridian at The Port
19. Mobile Rosin Oil Company
20. Mosquito Joe
21. NAWE
22. Partners for Environmental Progress
23. Page&Jones
24. PTL Marine
25. Saraland Chamber
26. ServiceMasters Advanced Cleaning
and Restoration
27. ServiceMasters Services Janitorial
28. Southern Canfor Pint
29. Southern Glass Inc.
30. Southern View Media
31. Stirling Properties
32. Strategy Advisors, Inc
33. Turner Supply
34. Walks and Wags
35. Whistler Machine Works Inc
36. WHS Real Estate
37. Wilkins Miller
38. Wilson Dismukes, Inc
39. Wise Design, Inc
40. Zarzour Companies

cc: All parties of record