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

Re: **STB Docket No. FD 36727, CSX Transportation, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation—Rail Line of Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C.**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed please find a letter in support of the Application filed in the above-referenced matter from the following Alabama state legislators: State Senator Bobby Singleton, State Senator Robert Stewart, Jr., State Rep. Prince Chestnut, State Rep. Kelvin Lawrence, and State Rep. A.J. McCampbell.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Peter W. Denton

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Enclosures

cc: Louis E. Gitomer
All parties of record



Alabama Legislature
Dallas, Lowndes and Marengo Counties Delegation

October 24, 2023

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

Re: *CSX Transportation's Acquisition and Operation of a Portion of Meridian and Bigbee Railroad*

Dear Ms. Brown:

We the undersigned Alabama state legislators submit this letter in support of the application filed by CSX Transportation, Inc. to reacquire a rail line extending between Burkeville and Myrtlewood, Alabama from the Meridian and Bigbee Railroad, LLC and resume operations thereof. As leading advocates for increased economic development in rural and West Alabama, we are optimistic about the new market opportunities that will result from this transaction.

The proposed acquisition and operation will have significant benefits for our constituents, the residents and businesses in the service region. Our collective legislative districts include Dallas, Lowndes and Marengo Counties – which have all been declared as targets for future development by the Alabama Department of Commerce. This transaction is expected to result in improved rail service, enhanced infrastructure and increased operational efficiencies. Additionally, it will create more options for freight shippers to markets in the southeast U.S. as well as the southwest U.S. and Mexico.

For the above reasons, we respectfully request that the Surface Transportation Board approve CSX's proposed acquisition as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Bobby Singleton

State Senator Bobby Singleton
Senate District 24

Robert Stewart, Jr.

State Senator Robert Stewart, Jr.
Senate District 23

Prince Chestnut .

State Rep. Prince Chestnut
House District 67

Kelvin Lawrence

State Rep. Kelvin Lawrence
House District 69

Artis J. McCampbell

State Rep. A.J. McCampbell
House District 71

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused this Letter in Docket No. FD 36727 to be served electronically or by first class mail, postage pre-paid, on all parties of record in this proceeding.

/s/ Sally Mordi

Sally Mordi
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

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