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Mr. Martin Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Oberman:

I am writing to express my support for Husein Cumber's nomination to serve as a member of the Surface Transportation Board's ("Board") newly formed Passenger Railroad Advisory Committee ("PRAC").

Mr. Cumber was a member of Florida East Coast Railway's ("FECR") executive team and has a strong background with freight rail. He was integral to reconnecting the FECR freight line with PortMiami, and construction of an intermodal facility at Port Everglades to increase intermodal capabilities throughout the state. He has also been leading the negotiations to introduce commuter rail to the FECR rail corridor.

In addition to his passenger and freight rail experience, Mr. Cumber also served as Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Transportation ("USDOT") and served both Secretary Norman Mineta and Secretary Mary Peters. In his role, Mr. Cumber had policy responsibility for the Federal Railroad Administration and was instrumental in developing the Congressional language mandating Positive Train Control after the Union Pacific-Metrolink accident.

Mr. Cumber's comprehensive background and experience with issues regarding intercity passenger rail, freight rail, commuter rail, and his policy experience with USDOT make him uniquely qualified to serve as a member of PRAC and I am pleased to provide my support for his nomination.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott
United States Senator