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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No.1)

Dear Chairman Oberman,

I am writing to express CSX's 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").

Prior to starting Brightline Florida, Mr. Cumber was the Executive Vice President for Corporate Development at Florida East Coast Railway ("FECR"). His experience with freight rail allowed him to appreciate the relationship between freight and passenger rail companies when developing Brightline to ensure the interest of both industries were protected. In addition to his passenger and freight rail experience, Mr. Cumber 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 Federal Transit Administration that will be of benefit to the PRAC. CSX interacted with Mr. Cumber extensively during his time at USDOT and found him to understand our industry's needs and challenges.

Therefore, Mr. Cumber's 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 CSX is to provide its support for his nomination.

Thank you for your service and your consideration of Mr. Cumber.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Livingston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tom Livingston
Vice-President Government & Community Affairs
CSX Transportation, Inc.