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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman, Chairman
United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20423

Re: Docket No. EP 774, *Notice of Passenger Rail Advisory Committee Vacancies*

Dear Chairman Oberman:

I write to express CSX Transportation, Inc.'s support for the nomination of Jonathan Broder to serve as a member of the Surface Transportation Board's Passenger Rail Advisory Committee ("PRAC").

I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Broder for 20 years. Mr. Broder served for many years as General Counsel for Consolidated Rail Corporation ("Conrail"). During his tenure at Conrail, Mr. Broder actively engaged with various commuter and inter-city passenger rail providers that operate on Conrail lines or over which Conrail operates. These passenger rail operators include Amtrak, NJ Transit, and SEPTA. Over the course of his long career, Mr. Broder has developed a vast knowledge of the history of freight and passenger rail in the northeast United States, both the success stories and failures. He would bring that wealth of knowledge to PRAC's work seeking to improve efficiency and performance of passenger rail and help to foster a regulatory environment in which passenger rail can succeed.

It is my pleasure to support Jonathan Broder's nomination for service on PRAC as an at-large representative. If there is any additional information I can provide to the Board concerning Mr. Broder's nomination, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Livingston".

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