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The Honorable Chris Pappas
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The Honorable Ann McLane Kuster
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Dear Representatives Pappas and Kuster:

Thank you for your letter regarding CSX Corp.— Control and Merger—Pan Am Systems, Inc., Docket No. FD 36472. We appreciate hearing your concerns about the potential impacts the proposed merger could have on proposed passenger rail projects.

As you may be aware, on July 1, 2021, the applicants in this proceeding filed a revised merger application, which was accepted as complete by the Board on July 30. The Board's decision established a procedural schedule for the proceeding, including deadlines for additional filings by the applicants, a period for public comment on the transportation merits as well as a period for environmental comments, and a deadline for a final Board decision. A number of interested parties have since filed comments with the Board. On October 18, 2021, Applicants filed their Response to Comments and Requests for Conditions and Rebuttal in Support of their Application. Final briefs are due January 3, 2022 and a public hearing is planned for January 13, 2022. The Board expects to issue a final decision by April 1, 2022.

A copy of your letter and this response have been placed in the public docket along with comments filed to date. Because this case is pending, we cannot comment further. However, please be assured that the Board will give full and fair consideration to all public filings in this proceeding. If you or your staff have any further questions, please contact us or Ms. Janie Sheng, Acting Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

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