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Surface Transportation Board
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**RE: Surface Transportation Board's Public Listening Session Regarding CSX
Transportation, Inc.'s Rail Service Issues**
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Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter, submitted by Virginians for High Speed Rail (VHSR), is being submitted to provide notice of intent to participate in the Surface Transportation Board's (STB) public listening session regarding CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) and the railroad's recent rail service problems, to be held at the STB on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

Representing VHSR will be:

Danny Plaugher, executive director
Virginians for High Speed Rail

VHSR is the southeast's largest rail advocacy organization founded in 1994 as a partnership between the Future of Hampton Roads and the RVA Chamber to educate and advocate for fast, frequent, and reliable passenger rail service. We will be able to provide firsthand accounts of Amtrak passengers who have suffered from the delays stemming from CSX-caused delays and provide data of these delays on Virginia's rail passengers.

I have over a decade of experience leading VHSR and their rail advocacy efforts. In addition to serving as executive director of VHSR, I serve on the board of RVA Rapid Transit, the Greater Richmond Transit Company's Transit Advisory Group, Governor McAuliffe's Transportation Policy Council, Virginia Rail Policy's executive committee, and the Capital Region Collaborative's Transportation Working Group. I have also previously served on the Virginia Rail Enhancement Task Force and the Richmond Regional Transit Vision Planning Forum.

Regards,

Danny Plaugher
Executive Director