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Peter S. Palmer, Chairman
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**Re: Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 91), CSX Corporation
and CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Corporation
and Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Control and
Operation Leases/Agreements—Conrail Inc. and Consolidated
Rail Corporation [General Oversight]**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the U.S. Surface Transportation Board Decision Number 12, reference STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub Part 91), to hold hearings regarding the operations of the Conrail Shared Assets Area, I, Peter S. Palmer, Chairman of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the northern thirteen counties of New Jersey, wish to notify the Board that I will attend and speak at the April 2, 2004 hearing in Trenton, New Jersey. I request that I be allotted a total of fifteen (15) minutes to present testimony for the Board's consideration regarding the operations of the Conrail Shared Assets Area in northern New Jersey.

We also intend to provide written remarks, that expand on the points of our testimony at the April 2nd meeting, with further supporting material that will be submitted for Board consideration by the July 1, 2004 deadline.

Respectfully

Peter S. Palmer
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
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The Metropolitan Planning Organization for Northern New Jersey