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Chairman Daniel R. Elliott, III
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Jersey Marine Rail, LLC
Linden, NJ

Dear Chairman Elliot,

It has been brought to my attention that Jersey Marine Rail, LLC, has filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board to become a railroad so as to continue and expand rail services in the Tremley Point section of Linden, NJ (Finance Docket No: 36063). This planned expansion will be an important rail transportation project for the municipality of Linden and the surrounding region as a whole. I have been informed that this project has the support of the Honorable Mayor Derek Armstead, and this project is being viewed as a key factor in the long term development plans of Union County for its industrial waterfront.

There is a history of rail service in the proposed area and the facility proposed by JMR is in a heavy industrial zone. The location has undergone an extensive generic NEPA level environmental analysis by the Union County Board of Freeholders as part of their overall waterfront development plan which has determined that project's such as JMR's will not create any significant adverse impacts.

Please accept this letter as my commitment to support the goals of this project as it will serve as a vital component of the development of Linden, and Union County, New Jersey respectively. Thank you for your consideration and thoughtful review of this petition.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Payne, Jr.
Member of Congress

Cc: Lucille Marvin, Director, Office of Public Assistance, Government Affairs and Compliance