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The Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy III
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kennedy:

I am writing in response to your letter dated January 16, 2015, regarding the proposed acquisition of the Framingham Secondary by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to facilitate commuter rail service. That case is docketed at the Board as FD 35892, *Massachusetts Department of Transportation--Acquisition Exemption--Certain Assets of CSX Transportation, Inc.*

As you may know, the STB issued a notice on January 2, 2015 stating that the earliest this transaction may be consummated is January 18, 2015, the effective date of the exemption. MassDOT states that it anticipates consummating the transaction on or about March 20, 2015, subject to a Board decision on the concurrently filed motion to dismiss.

We appreciate knowing your views on the proposed transaction. Your letter has been made part of the public docket for this proceeding. The STB should issue a decision soon addressing the motion to dismiss, and we will provide a copy to your office when it is served. If you have further questions, please contact our Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238.

Sincerely,

Lucille Marvin
Director