



April 11, 2011

The Honorable Daniel R. Elliot, III  
Chairman, Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW Suite 1220  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Chairman Elliot:

We are writing to express the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce support for a strong freight railroad network, not only in our state and region, but across the nation.

As America finally begins to pull itself out of the Great Recession, we do not need to reverse progress by damaging the ability of the rail industry to reinvest and continue to provide strong service.

The Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce supports a healthy freight rail network that encourages reinvestment by the rail industry, supports job growth and continued economic recovery. Our partnership with companies like Norfolk Southern and CSX Corporation is a testament to what the rail industry can do for a community such as Jacksonville.

As a city that prides itself in working with the rail industry we oppose any policy or regulatory changes that would hinder the freight railroads' ability to continue investing billions of dollars annually in private capital to grow and modernize the nation's rail infrastructure.

We respectfully request that no regulatory or policy changes be pursued at this time by the Surface Transportation Board. We need to maintain the strong and well-balanced regulatory regime we have in place today.

Thank you for our consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Quinn  
Vice President, Public Policy  
Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce