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Re: Finance Docket No. 35523

Dear Ms. Brown:

As Mayor of the City of Louisville, I am writing you in support of the Joint Use Application recently filed by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) and the Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company, Inc. (L&I). The proposed transaction would allow for significant investment in a rail line that is vital in meeting the region's growing need for freight rail transportation.

As proposed, CSXT would invest significant private funds over a seven-year period to upgrade the L&I's 106-mile rail line between Louisville and Indianapolis. This would include upgrading the line to continuous-welded rail, and replacing or adding new bridges and other infrastructure.

The improved line would allow trains to operate at higher speeds and carry heavier rail cars and result in a more efficient movement of goods for Louisville businesses and their customers. More specifically, the upgraded line will provide CSX a significantly better route for trains serving its recently opened Louisville Intermodal Terminal.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for the Application, and respectfully ask that you give this important transportation project every consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Fischer
Mayor