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

Re: Finance Docket No. 35523

Dear Chairman Elliott,

As Governor of Indiana, I am writing in support of the Joint Use Application filed by CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") and one of our corporate citizens, the Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company, Inc. ("L&I").

From the information I have been provided, CSXT proposes to invest significant private resources to transform the L&I's 106-mile main line between Indianapolis and Jeffersonville. The upgraded line will allow higher operating speeds and heavier cars, which will allow Hoosier businesses to move more grain, coal, and other goods to markets across the country and around the globe. In addition, the upgraded line will provide enhanced rail access for economic development efforts in southeastern Indiana, including, in particular, activities surrounding the Port of Indiana at Jeffersonville (the Clark Maritime Center).

I would also like to assure the STB that the relevant Indiana state agencies--Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Management, the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office and others--will be immediately responsive to any and all requests for information.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my support for the Application.

Sincerely,


Michael R. Pence
Governor of Indiana